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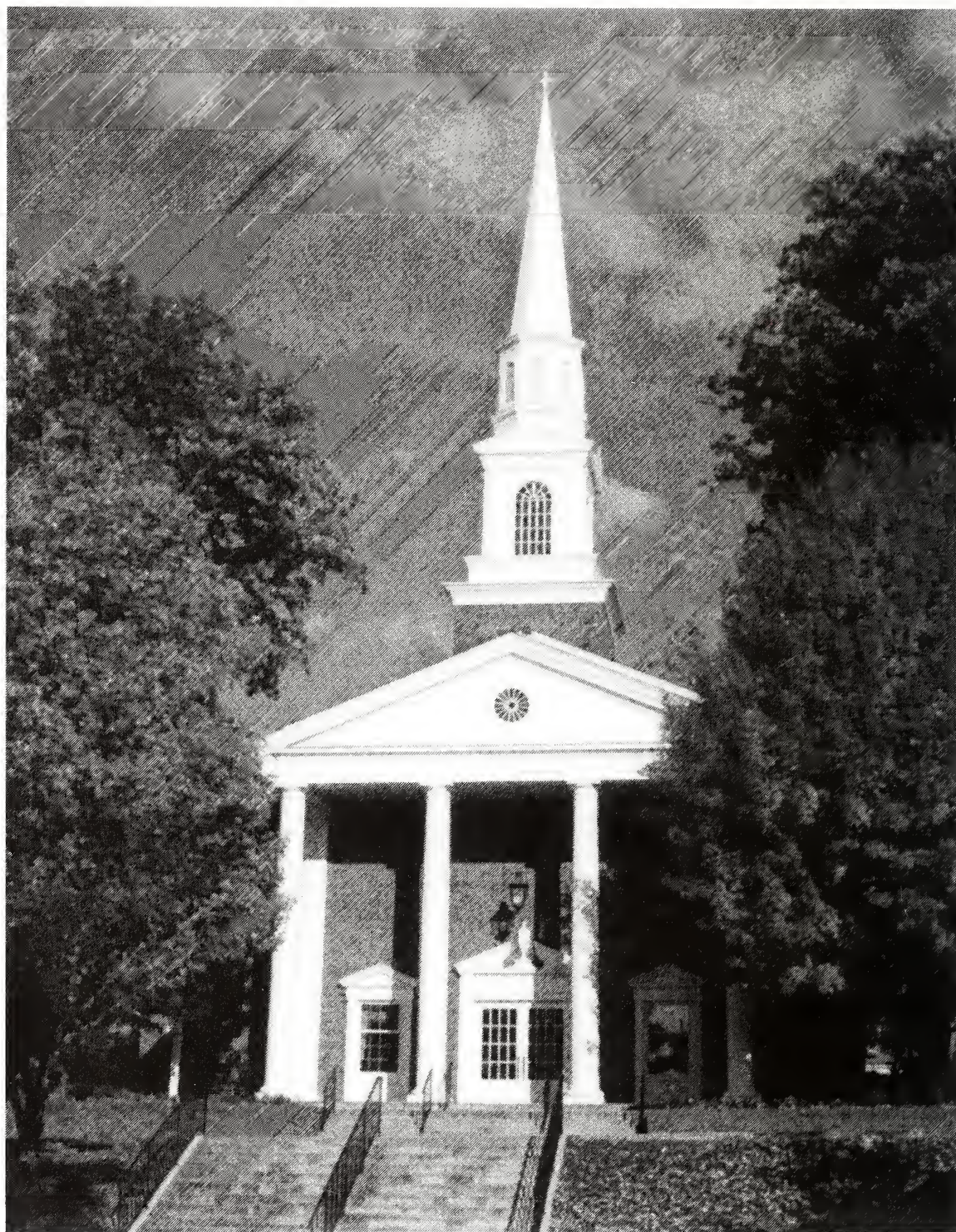
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## INTRODUCTION

Preparing this history has been a fascinating journey. For the early years, almost the only source material was found in the old handwritten session records, which I would read until my eyes gave out. I have not altered any of the capricious spelling, capitalization and syntax of the old papers lest I lose some of the flavor of those days.

For later periods I have had more to work with. The session minutes of August 18, 1974, report their approval of Lucy McCarl as editor of the church newsletter, *The Steeple*, "for the coming year." That "coming year" stretched into twenty-five years, during which I was greatly aided by Martha Shanks, our church secretary. I resolved, when I began that job, to try to make sure that everything worth reporting got in there. In this endeavor Martha was a staunch ally, so much so that when I began the task of writing this church history, I had a complete file of newsletters back to 1974 with full information, including dates, about all the happenings.

Besides Martha, there are many others to whom I owe my thanks: Gerrit Dawson, for his encouragement and for believing that I could do this thing; Robert Austell, our computer whiz, for technical support; Bootsie Creason, Jonnie Laws, Tommy Melton, and Lynn Bernhardt for helping me dig out old records; Archie McKee, Hartley Hall, Dick Neelly, Bill McLean, Edith Barden, Hallie Parker, John Christian Bernhardt, George Bernhardt, and G. Lewis Bernhardt for giving me their own recollections; and John Hawkins of the Caldwell County Historical Society for providing me with

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Heartfelt gratitude goes to the people, named and unnamed, of First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina, who, by their deeds and by their faith, made this history come alive.

In a little book prepared for the church's centennial in 1952, Mrs. Bessie Beall Reid wrote a brief history of the women's work. In 2002 her words still apply, to men as well as women:

It is difficult to write a history of this kind without some one thinking or saying, "Why was this one or that one left out." But in this case no one can say that, for this little history is lovingly dedicated to every single woman who has ever done anything in this church for the Master for the past one hundred years. Not one has been left out and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The words fall quaintly on our twenty-first century ears, but the feeling behind them is unchanged and unchangeable. You know who you are. God bless you!

Lucy F. McCarl  
February, 2002

## CHAPTER 1

# HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



In the year 1852, western North Carolina was still rough country. The little log church in which a small group met on July 31, 1852, was typical of frontier churches of that period; but on this day it had been set aside for a special purpose, the organization of the first Presbyterian church in Caldwell County.

The Reverend Benjamin L. Beall, a Presbyterian evangelist in the area (appointed by the Presbytery to be in charge of Home Missions) was the presiding officer at this meeting; and Mr. A. C. McIntosh, a Presbyterian elder from Taylorsville, had braved the twenty or so miles of dusty road (actually little more than a trail) to assist him. Here the record speaks:

“Pursuant to the order of the Presbytery of Concord the undersigned met at Lenoir for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian church if the Way was open. After a sermon by Rev. B. L. Beall the object of The Committee was stated by him in a few words viz. that they appeared as a committee by the order of Presbytery and temporarily as a church session for the purpose of receiving the certificates and hearing the applications of all such persons as may desire to connect themselves with a Presbyterian Church to organize here. Having constituted with prayer the following persons presented certificates: Mr. James Harper from the Session of Wilkesboro Church, Miss E. J. Baker from the Session

of Salem Church, Mrs. Caroline E. Harper from the M.E. Church at Lenoir, N.C., who were all received as members of the church.

“Mr. James Harper was duly elected a ruling Elder and having signified to the committee his acceptance of the office, Mr. Beall in the presence of the congregation proposed to him the usual questions as prescribed by our Book which were answered in the affirmative. The usual questions to the members electing him was also proposed by Mr. Beall and the affirmative answer signified by holding up the right hand. Mr. James Harper was then by prayer solemnly set apart to this office of ruling Elder in this church. The church was declared duly organized by the name and style of the ‘Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, N.C.’ which being done the committee informed the church that their connection with it as a committee of the Presbytery of Concord was at an end.”

A. C. McIntosh, B. L. Beall  
Committee

The dominant figure in this enterprise, as in almost all activities of the community of Lenoir, was James Harper. He it was who had constructed on his property at Fairfield the little log church where the new congregation was now meeting. Although the little building had been deeded by James Harper to the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was with the provision that “it is agreed and bargained by the parties aforesaid that at all times when there is no appointment for preaching in the church by the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the ministers in good standing in the Presbyterian Church, the Episcopal Church and the Baptist Church are to have the free use of said church to preach in whenever they or any of them are registered to do so without any hindrance or obstruction whatever.”<sup>1</sup> A “hindrance” which not even James Harper could eradicate was unpredictable weather and the resulting poor road conditions. He himself traveled to Morganton about once a month, on horseback, to attend the



closest Presbyterian church. Perhaps weariness with struggling “through the mud and across the gullies to Morganton to worship”<sup>2</sup> was a factor in his decision to found a Presbyterian church in his own back yard at Fairfield.

Mrs. Caroline E. Harper, James Harper’s wife, had come as a bride to the area in 1833 and had temporarily transferred to the Methodist church because no Presbyterian church was available. On this day in 1852 she had been given a letter so that she might re-join with her husband in the new church.

The third founding member of the church, Miss Emma Baker, was an Englishwoman who had come to serve as teacher of the Harper children. Although she later married and moved away from Lenoir, she left a lasting legacy here when she renamed a nearby mountain called Turkey Cock in honor of her home city of Brighton, England, and called it Hibriten. (Although some of the citizens were dismayed, the new name stuck.)

Several other persons were ready to join the church but were not received at this time because their letters of transfer had been delayed. The records show that by the end of 1852 the membership included also Colonel William Dickson, Mrs. Margaret Dickson, Miss Isabella Dickson, and Captain Edward W. Faucette. Faucette was ordained elder in the newly organized church and became its second elder. He later moved away but returned and was re-elected and re-installed as elder, serving as clerk of session for some time.

The little log church in which the congregation met for the next seven years has been described by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, a later pastor of the church, as “rather a model building for the day. It had glass in the windows and painted doors and a pulpit and was altogether a rarity. Most of the churches of this section were very crude. They were all log structures and were surprisingly small. Their size was fixed by the fact that they were built of logs. It was hard to find a log more than thirty feet long and consequently the usual size of the churches was about thirty by twenty-four feet. They were very poorly lighted through unglazed openings and in some cases had a rough gallery which extended

around all four sides of the little auditorium. A shed was built at the rear for slaves. A long section of a log or two was removed and through this opening the negroes saw and heard, and so took their little part in the services.”<sup>3</sup>

So small a church could not provide for even a part-time pastor. For several years the Rev. William C. Sheets from Morganton came over and preached about once a month.

On January 2, 1857, the Rev. Jesse Rankin, newly elected Evangelist of Concord Presbytery, arrived with his family in Lenoir. Rankin had previously served churches in Salisbury, Statesville and Lexington, combining his pastoral work with schoolteaching. In Lenoir he, with his family, founded a school for young ladies called Kirkwood; and in addition to his duties as Evangelist (traveling to various churches in the area) he supplied the pulpit occasionally in the Lenoir church.

The session minutes for April 12, 1857 tell us that “The Lord’s Supper was administered by the Rev. Jesse Rankin and the following persons rec’d into this church as members: viz. by certificate Mrs. Mary A. Gaither from Salem Church, Mrs. Ann D. Rankin, Miss Sarah T. Rankin, Miss Ella A. Rankin, Miss Emma L. Rankin, from the church at Lexington the Presbytery of Orange.”

We are also told that “this church paid at the end of the year 1857 in consideration of the Evangelist’s preaching for them frequently, \$60 besides a personal donation from J. Harper the elder of \$50.”

A requirement of the Presbytery then, as now, was that the minutes of the session be presented for approval at the Presbytery meeting. One of these comments, from 1858, reads: “Examined & approved as far as written with the exceptions that the paging is not continued sufficiently far, and some of the meetings of session are too informally recorded in that they do not appear to have been regularly convened and constituted.” It does not require much imagination to picture Jesse Rankin, the moderator, and James Harper, the elder, meeting in the churchyard after morning worship, and one of

the two saying “Oh, by the way,” and an impromptu decision made and later duly recorded in the session minutes.

In May, 1858, the church elected an additional elder, Mr. Nathaniel B. Rankin.

After seven years in the little log church, the congregation constructed a new sanctuary at the corner of Kirkwood and Boundary Streets, near the Rankin home. It was a small white clapboard building with a tall white spire (not unlike the spire on the present sanctuary on the same site). A picket fence surrounded the property, it is said, to keep townspeople’s livestock from wandering into the churchyard.

We have, in James Harper’s handwriting, an itemized account of the costs of building and equipping the new church, including everything from brick work and stone work to chandelier, lamps and hymnbooks. The total amounted to slightly over two thousand dollars.

If any action was taken by the session or the congregation in preparation for the construction of the church (and surely there was), the record has been lost, or it was done in the informal manner about which the Presbytery complained. The minutes say only that on October 1, 1859, “the Communion was administered and a sermon preached in reference to the occupancy of the new church. A collection was taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to \$13.75.”

Evidence of the outreach of this small congregation first appeared at this time. Jesse Rankin has recorded that on July 5, 1859 he, still in his capacity of Evangelist, “organized a branch of the church at Lenoir on Cove Creek, Watauga County” composed of eight members, and that he baptized two children on that day. Additional records mention baptisms and reception of members until about 1871; then nothing more is said until, in 1876, the minister “was authorized to inquire into the validity of a certain report respecting Miss \_\_\_\_\_ one of our members in Watauga County” and then “the committee appointed to inquire into certain rumors respecting Miss (the same woman) reported & the Session decided that no further



action was necessary on their part.” After this entry, silence descends on the Watauga County enterprise.

The Civil War began soon after the church’s move to Kirkwood Street. This was a time of privation and sadness; however, the little congregation continued to grow. On July 11, 1861, “Certificates were handed in by Mr. Matthias A. Bernhardt and by Mrs. Barbara S. Bernhardt wife of above, certifying their good standing, the former of Bethel, the latter of Grace Church, both of the German Reformed communion, & dismissing them to us. The certificates were found in order & satisfactory, & the parties were accordingly received & their names enrolled.” On September 15, 1861, E. W. Faucette was received back from a church in Statesville and reelected and installed as a Ruling Elder.

March 29, 1863: E. W. Faucette was appointed to attend the next Presbytery at Thyatira on April 10. James Harper was the alternate. After discussion the session agreed to put to the congregation the question of more officers and if so, “whether they should be elders or deacons, and the number of each.”

A congregational meeting was held April 25, 1863, at which time Matthias A. Bernhardt and Hugh C. Hamilton were elected deacons “by an almost unanimous vote.” They were installed June 21.<sup>4</sup>

On September 20, 1863, Capt. G. W. F. Harper was examined as to his knowledge and experience of personal piety. The examination was sustained and he was received into the church. Captain (later Major) Harper was the son of James Harper. His wife was the former Ella Rankin, daughter of Jesse Rankin.

The war was very much on the minds of the church members. At the worship service held on October 28, 1863, a collection was taken up “to get funds to send tracts to our brave soldiers.” The following spring the war came closer. The Session minutes of March 12, 1864, lament the death of a church member. “We record with profound regret and yet with due submission to God the death of James Ingles, Sergeant Major of the 58th Regt. N. C. Troops, for seven years an esteemed and respected member of this church. He fell mortally wounded

on the 25th ult. in a heavy skirmish at Tunnel Hill in the state of Georgia and expired in a few hours. The colonel of the Regiment in announcing his death to a friend of the deceased said, 'A better and more gallant soldier never fell in defence of his country'. . . E. W. Faucette, clerk of Session."

Finally the war was over, and the little congregation rallied to do the Lord's work. On June 11, 1865, the Lord's supper was administered. "The Rev. J. Rankin was the only minister present. The congregation was large and attentive." Later that year, at a typical meeting of the Session, "Mr. Thomas James Evans appeared before the Session and was examined as to his personal piety and religious experience. The Session believing that he had experienced a change of heart, and by the grace of God purposed living a holy life, received him into full communion with the Church. Not having been baptized in infancy, that sacred rite was administered. The Session closed with prayer."

New members were received either by certificate from another church or by examination, as in this case. The examinations seem to have been quite rigorous, the candidate being questioned as to his or her "knowledge of the plan of Salvation," "experimental religion,"<sup>5</sup> "personal piety," "motives," "faith in Christ" and "the ground of his hope."

On one occasion a certain man appeared before the Session to request membership, "but owing to his lack of knowledge of the plan of salvation and general ignorance on the subject of religion, it was thought best to retain him as a probationer for the present, till he could be better instructed."

In May of 1866, Dr. Robert L. Beall (who had married Mary Elizabeth Harper, the daughter of James Harper) was received into the church by certificate from the Presbyterian church at Lexington, N. C., and installed as elder by unanimous vote on July 22. No ordination service was necessary since he had been already ordained in Lexington. At a congregational meeting on February 23, 1868, Major G. W. F. Harper "with great unanimity" was elected deacon. He was ordained and installed March 8.

In 1869, according to the minutes of Concord Presbytery,

the Rev. Jesse Rankin, "having served as an evangelist 7 years, resigned the office because he could no longer endure the labor of traveling and took stated charge of the church in Lenoir." At a congregational meeting held January 10, 1869, he was unanimously elected pastor of the church for one half of his time.

W. W. Scott, in *The Annals of Caldwell County*, gives a poignant (if idealized) description of Lenoir in 1869: "Lenoir at that time was an educational center for that section of the South and several schools were there maintained.<sup>6</sup> Its people were impoverished by the war and everything was in a sad state of dilapidation and neglect, but there were culture and refinement; petty strife and bickering so common in the average small town, were here unknown; the place was as yet untouched by the spirit of commercialism, and those of every sect and opinion lived together in peace and harmony. All were poor, so poverty was not considered; all needed help, so each helped his neighbor."<sup>7</sup>

The record states that on September 15, 1873, "Martha Harper (colored) appeared before the Session . . . After the usual examination with regard to her faith in Christ, she was rec'd in the Church. Baptism was administered unto her." At about this same time a Presbyterian church for black people, called the African Church, was established in the town. A committee from our Session was appointed to inquire of the black pastor what we could do to help his church. As a result, it was arranged for our pastor to preach occasionally at the African Church. It was reported that he preached to "a large and attentive congregation."

In March 1872 the session appointed a committee (composed of E. W. Faucette and Dr. R. L. Beall) "to organize, if the way be open, a prayer meeting, to be known as the Young Men's Prayer Meeting, to be composed, if possible, of all the Male Members of our Church who are not in the habit of leading in public prayer; the leading objects of which are their own growth in grace and to fit them for more extensive public usefulness."

A year later the church turned its attention to the land surrounding the church, "to decide how much should be



appropriated for burial purposes, lay off the lots, number the same, make a draft of them, and offer an opportunity to Each Presbyterian Family to choose its own burying ground." Members of the church's first families were buried on both sides of the church. When a new education building was constructed in 1966, all the tombstones on the west side were moved to join the others on the east side. The actual remains were not moved, and are still marked by plaques in the ground on the west side. Those approaching the sanctuary to attend Sunday morning worship may indeed feel "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

One of the first occupants of the church cemetery was the Rev. Jesse Rankin. Having resigned the pastorate of the Lenoir church in October 1874 "because of the infirmities of age," he died on October 17, 1876. The tribute to him written by B. L. Beall and recorded in the minutes of Concord Presbytery says that "on the night of October 18, 1876, kindred and friends gathered around the couch of the man of God. Through the toilsome hours without pain or struggle he approached the shining shore and just ere the first blush of morn had tinged the eastern sky, he passed away gently and quietly without sigh or groan to be forever with the Lord. Near to the sanctuary where his voice had been so often heard, his body now asleep in Jesus was laid there to await the resurrection morn."

Mrs. Rankin was buried beside her husband in the cemetery about ten years later. Their daughters, Miss Emma and Miss Sarah, continued with the Kirkwood school for several decades.

The Rev. Paul Patterson Winn succeeded Jesse Rankin as pastor of the church, being installed on June 24, 1876. Mr. Winn, like his predecessor, combined pastoring with teaching (he had previously served as a professor of languages at Davidson College, where Woodrow Wilson was one of his students) and was on the faculty of the Finley High Academy, a school for boys described by W. W. Scott as "the Eton of the South." E. W. Faucette was headmaster there; and thus this school, like the Kirkwood School, had close ties to the church.

About this time the church became concerned with

attendance (or non-attendance) of some of its members. "The clerk of the session was instructed to write to all members of the church who have not reported within twelve months and ask them to give an account of themselves." (Does this sound familiar?) Then, in December 1876, "the work of purging the roll was then taken up and continued till a late hour. Adjourned to meet next night at the house of E.W. Faucette at 6 1/2 o'clock, to complete the unfinished business."

Another concern was for the teaching literature of the church. November 5, 1876: "Resolved, that the Session is deeply impressed with the paramount importance of a pure religious literature and cordially recommend to our people the books and papers of our Committee of Publication, and furthermore ask our people to consider prayerfully the duty of giving this enterprise of the church their pecuniary aid."

Three years after Jesse Rankin died, he was joined in the church cemetery by his old friend and co-worker, James Harper, who died in 1879 in his eightieth year. Inscribed in the session book, in impeccable handwriting, is "A Tribute of Respect to the Memory of Elder James Harper" which reads:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in the exercise of his Sovereign power, to remove from our midst our venerable friend and co-elder, James Harper, the first, and for sometime, the only officer of this Church; and whereas we shall no more see his stately form and his pleasant smile, nor exchange the warm greeting, or enjoy his wise counsel, therefore be it resolved—

1st, That in the death of Mr. Harper the Church has lost its most revered and beloved member, the Session one of its most faithful and wise counsellors, and the community one of its most liberal-minded and public-spirited citizens.

Resolved 2nd, That while we mourn his loss to us, we are constrained to believe that death to him was but the gate to heaven.



Resolved 3rd, That we are truly thankful to God that he was spared to us so long, and at the end, was permitted to breathe his last so peacefully and quietly, surrounded by his children, grand-children & friends.

Resolved 4th, that as a mark of our respect we have one page in our session book with simply his name, the names of the places and dates of his birth & death.

Resolved 5th, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

Lenoir, N.C.

E. W. Faucette

April 12th, 1879

H. C. Hamilton”

When the Rev. Paul P. Winn resigned the pastorate in October, 1878, to accept a call to the Concord Church in Iredell County (he later became a missionary to Korea), he was succeeded in our pulpit by an old friend of the congregation, the Rev. Benjamin L. Beall. Mr. Beall, in his capacity of Evangelist for Concord Presbytery, had been the presiding officer at the founding of the Lenoir church in 1852. Living in the Lenoir area, still serving as evangelist, he was well known to the Lenoir congregation.

During these years the church took seriously its duty to oversee the moral and spiritual health of its members. On one occasion the pastor and a session member were asked to talk with a certain man “with reference to his frequent absence from church, and reported irregularities in business.” At another time “duty required that they should address a friendly letter to two of their members, reminding them that they ought to be more punctual in their attendance on public worship.” Again, on August 11, 1881, “The Session decided to meet all the young people of the Congregation on the 4th Sabbath of the month and discuss the observance of the Sabbath.”

A man of the congregation “confessed by letter of being guilty of profane swearing and expressed sorrow for his ‘sin’ and a resolution of praying to God for help in fighting this sin. His confession was commended and J. W. Kirby, Elder, was

appointed to visit him and assure him of the sympathy of the Session, and encourage him to 'fight the good fight of faith.' Special prayer was made for this Brother by the Session."

Another man appeared before the session to confess that he had "recently yielded to temptation and been intoxicated." He resolved that, with God's help, he would resist temptation and be "a faithful and consistent member of the church." Again, the man was prayed over, and his "confession and pledges accepted as satisfactory by the Session."

Occasionally the session acted as a court, bringing to trial cases of serious infringement of the laws of God. One woman accused of violating the third and seventh commandments, "having refused for a second time to come before the court and plead as in duty bound to do therefore she is hereby suspended from the sealing ordinances of the Church for her contumacy." The sentence was to be made public and read from the pulpit by the pastor. "This sentence shall in no case be removed until she has not only repented of her contumacy but has also given satisfaction in regard to the other charges against her." Several months later, the woman and her husband did appear to express regrets for her "contumacy" and to plead as to the charges against her. She admitted violating the third commandment but denied violating the seventh. Her apology for "contumacy" was deemed satisfactory, and the date was set for a hearing. At the hearing, witnesses were called, and she was eventually found guilty of breaking the seventh commandment as well as the third and was "indefinitely suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church." (One wonders where in all this was the other guilty party in the seventh commandment charge. Was he not a member of the church, or was she simply a victim of the double standard of that day?)

While this account is somewhat dramatic, other references to the session as a governing body are merely cryptic. October 23, 1880: "Two young persons appeared before us asking for advice. After spending some time with them the Session decided to continue their cases."

Raising money was a perennial problem, especially in these post-war years in the devastated South. In January 1880, the session “resolved that we recommend to the congregation, in order to raise a greater amount of funds, to re-adopt the old system of weekly subscriptions [we would say ‘pledges’] and connect these with Sabbath Collections, and further recommend that the Deacons purchase and furnish the congregation with the necessary envelops.” No matter how tight the financial situation, the church did not forget benevolence. In that same year “the Deacons were directed to pay five dollars to an indigent youth to aid him in getting school books.”


The record shows that in the 1880’s the church was already involved in outreach. In addition to the Sunday school in Lenoir, the church was operating a mission point in an outlying area. The record does not tell us where this school was,<sup>8</sup> only that on May 23, 1886 “Dr. R. L. Beall was appointed Supt. of the Mission School for one year with the following teachers, viz. Miss Emma S. Rankin, Miss E. D. Harper, and Messrs. G. L. and J. M. Bernhardt. Mr. J. M. Bernhardt was appointed vice Supt. to Dr. Beall.”

Evangelism was important to the church. A committee, consisting of Messrs. G. L. and J. M. Bernhardt, George F. Harper and J. D. Faucette, was appointed “to look after strangers visiting our villages, and to invite them to worship with us.”



## CHAPTER 2

### BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

 n July 26, 1885, the Rev. Colin Alexander Munroe was installed as pastor for one half of his time (this was increased to full time in 1891), ushering in the second longest (so far) pastorate in the history of the church. The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, on the occasion of the church's 75th anniversary, provided some recollections of the Munroe era: "It would be impossible to overstate the affection and esteem in which Mr. Munroe (as he is always called here) was and is held by Lenoir and Caldwell county. He carried ever into the generation now living the traditions and standards of the fathers. By pureness, by knowledge, by faithfulness in love and truth he linked us to that noble past, and yet with an openness of mind which always left opportunity for going on to meet the work of each new day in its own day. We will always associate Mr. Munroe with the beautiful little white church which for so many years lifted its spire among these green trees. I have in my possession a finely-written account of the old communion days which passed away with Mr. Munroe and with the old white church . . . It brings to mind again the solemnity of these occasions—the survival of all that was sacred and serious in the Scotch and Puritan conceptions of worship and fellowship . . . when Sunday came there was the white table spread in the early hours which on other Sabbaths were taken by Sunday school. Students from Finley High and Kirkwood had given up their usual Friday evening social, and as



the hour for the observance of the sacrament drew on it was as though a very spirit of reverence and of loving awe walked the quiet streets and country roads. This paper from which I am quoting brings vividly to mind the sermon and then the call which separated the communicants from the non-professing Christians. The little organ was silenced<sup>1</sup> and Capt. Faucette 'raised the tune'—always ' 'Twas on that dark, that doleful night,' sung to the minor strains of Windham. And then these sobered believers ate together of the Lord's supper in obedience to His last command. Many of us who are here today will recall how that service closed with the singing of Home, Sweet Home—'Prepare me, dear Saviour, for heaven, my home.'<sup>2</sup> When the human heart fails to be lifted and purified by memories of days like those it will be a sad hour on earth and in heaven itself."

The church continued to grow, slowly but steadily, until the membership passed the 100 mark in 1895, about the same time that the population of Lenoir passed 1,000. Members were received either by certificate or by examination. Those who had not been baptized previously received the sacrament at this time. A somewhat unusual event is recorded in the sessional record which states that on August 26, 1900, "Columbus Malcolm Weathers was examined and received and enrolled as a member, and baptized with his child Hellen Lamar in the presence of the congregation."<sup>3</sup>

No one who desired to unite with the church was neglected. Sept. 1, 1895: "This day the Pastor and elder E. W. Faucette visited Miss Mary Louisa Glass, a baptized member of our church, and at the time prostrated upon a bed of affliction, from which we are not allowed to hope that she will ever rise in health. At her request the Session, thus constituted, was duly organized and after an appropriate examination as to her faith in Christ, her knowledge to discern the Lord's body, etc. she was received into full connection with the church and the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to her and a number of Christian friends present."

In March 1891 Major George Washington Finley Harper

and George Lynn Bernhardt (both of whom have descendants active in the church today) were elected elders. About the same time Major Harper was appointed clerk of session, to succeed E. W. Faucette, who had again moved away from Lenoir.

Major Harper, the son of the founder James Harper, had taken up his father's role as a leader in church and community affairs. Once, when taxed with his refusal to join a civic club, he is said to have replied, "I have belonged to only two organizations in my life—the Confederate Army and the Presbyterian Church, and both were a complete disaster."<sup>4</sup> In spite of these sentiments, he was faithful in his duties at the church and did an exemplary job as clerk of session for many years.

At the end of the year 1891 the church experienced a loss when Dr. Robert Lamar Beall, one of the first elders, died on November 23. At his funeral the church was packed, with as many more people standing on the outside. The funeral procession traveled from his home at Fairfield, a distance of about half a mile, in a long line of carriages containing family members and other relatives and friends, followed by a large number of persons on foot. Upon arrival at the church, the casket was borne up the aisle and laid before the communion table. "One of the most affecting episodes was the passing before the altar of the whole assembly in the church and outside for the purpose of taking a last look at the face of their friend soon to be laid away in the grave. There was scarcely a dry eye in the church and the many evidences of sincere grief were touching. The colored people who passed in large numbers showed by their sorrow that they regarded the loss of Dr. Beall as the loss of a valued friend to them."<sup>5</sup>

Two significant events occurred during the Munroe years: the purchase of a manse and the beginning of organized women's work. These two events were related in that the first women's group was the Manse Improvement Society. Mrs. W. H. Craddock, in a history of the women's work, gives this account: "Miss Emma Rankin came to her and said, 'We have paid the carpenters every cent we have. What shall we do?' These two, Miss Emma and Mrs. Munroe, then posted the few dollars each

possessed, pledged to make additional dollars and interest others in doing likewise. Thus the Manse Association came into existence, Miss Emma Rankin acting as President, Mrs. Annie Bell Munroe Douglas as Secretary, Mrs. Wade Cloyd as Treasurer, and the money went into our splendid and well equipped Manse, and the C. A. Munroes enjoyed living in it.”

The Manse Improvement Society (1895) was followed by a more permanent structure. On November 15, 1902, twenty-two ladies met at Major Harper’s home to form the “Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of Lenoir.” The group listed as its objectives “the collecting of funds, even though it be little by little, for any cause for which we may need them—at this time most urgently for the furnishing of our new church; the giving and receiving information about our church at home and abroad, especially in Missionary Work; the social feature—bringing our church members into closer touch with each other by becoming better acquainted.” They further stated that “meetings should be held monthly from house to house as invited, beginning promptly at 3:30 o’clock and lasting one hour.” Dues were 10 cents monthly for all over fifteen and more “as each might be able, or inclined, to make it.”

Mrs. G. L. (Lucy Richmond) Bernhardt was elected president by unanimous vote. Mrs. W. H. Cloyd was secretary-treasurer. The ladies raised \$8.75 with an apron sale, discussed providing clothing for a little boy at Barium Springs Orphanage, and raised \$16.20 at another fund-raiser (again at Major Harper’s) for carpet for the new church.

The Manse that the Munroes lived in also housed several succeeding pastors and their families, until it was sold in 1955 following the retirement of Dr. A. A. McLean. Nevertheless it was thought at one time that a new manse might be needed. Although this never came to fruition, the following comment offered in a history written on the occasion of the church’s centennial in 1952 is illuminating: “The large lot lying in front of the church (the present parking lot) was on January 24, 1898, deeded as a gift to this church by Misses Sarah T. and Emma L.



Rankin, daughters of the first pastor of this church. It was their thought that the church would wish to use this lot some day as a site for a new manse. This was before automobiles appeared, and it is evident now that these Godly women then provided for the church far more wisely than they knew.”

The latter part of the nineteenth century was a time of spiritual seeking in this part of the country. The South was still suffering from the ravages of war, and many were finding consolation in the hope of a better life in the hereafter. Revival meetings (often ecumenical or nondenominational) were common. A major event in the life of our congregation was the visit, in May 1899, of the Rev. William Black, Synodical Evangelist of the Presbyterian Church U. S. The Rev. Mr. Black, assisted by the Rev. A. K. Pool, held morning and evening services daily for a week. After the first two days the services were moved to the Methodist Church nearby, because the Presbyterian Church was too small to hold the congregation. “The meetings were blessed of God in the arrival of His cause and the comforting of His people of all denominations particularly our Methodist brothers who joined heartily in the meetings.”

It was undoubtedly this event which spurred the elders into considering enlarging the church. In July 1899 they appointed a committee to raise subscriptions to a fund for enlarging the building. A month later the same committee was charged with examining the building and ascertaining “the least amount of work that would put the building in decent and comfortable repair. To make estimate of the cost of same and take steps at once to raise the funds for said repairs.” Apparently the report of the committee was not encouraging. For on August 30 “A committee of five to consist of two Elders, two Deacons and one member from the church at large was appointed to consider the matter of building a new church on the site of the present building.” In September this committee recommended raising the money by subscription. On September 13 the congregation approved this plan, with the request that “five ladies be appointed, making a committee of ten to solicit subscriptions

for building a new church on the site of the present building.”

The person or persons who made this motion at the congregational meeting had undoubtedly observed the work of the women of the Manse Improvement Association and felt that the addition of women to the effort would be a good idea.

By October over \$2,000 had been subscribed. A building committee was appointed to secure plans and specifications and take preliminary steps for the building of the church.

Two years of struggling with this task (familiar to anyone who has ever built a house or any other kind of building) culminated in a congregational meeting on October 30, 1901, when J. H. Beall, treasurer of the building committee, informed the congregation that \$2,000 would not be enough and that the amount of the subscriptions must be increased to \$4,000. J. H. Beall was then appointed chairman of a committee to solicit subscriptions, the other members of the committee to be selected by him. A committee was formed by the Moderator to have charge of erecting the building after congregational approval of the plan. The members of this committee were J. M. Bernhardt, George F. Harper, and P. L. Baker.

Finally, on March 26, 1902, the congregation approved the plan submitted and recommended by the building committee. The estimated cost was not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$7,000.

Then, in the summer of 1902, the task of building began. The old frame church was to be moved to an adjoining lot so that it could be used during the construction and perhaps later for Sunday school classes. On August 3, 1902, we are told, the old church was “so far barely moved off of its original foundation.” On these pleasant summer Sundays, preaching and Sunday school were held in the grove by the church. However, this solution was short-lived. Later in August a catastrophe occurred. “In its removal to an adjoining lot to make room for the new church to take its place, the tackle broke under the strain upon it, precipitating the building to the ground and completely demolished it. The sweet-toned bell, weighing over 400 pounds, which has called the

worshippers together for over two score years, alone escaped damage, though falling in its belfry nearly 50 feet.”

One hundred years and two sanctuaries later, this same bell is still calling us to worship every Sunday morning.

With winter coming on, the congregation could no longer count on holding services in the grove. They were offered the use of both the Methodist and Baptist churches; but, fearing to inconvenience “our Methodist and Baptist brethren,” they declined the offer with appreciation for the “Christian Spirit and brotherly love” which had prompted it. Instead, they rented the Masonic Hall and held Sunday services there. Weekday prayer meetings were held in the members’ homes.


The construction continued through the winter and spring. At last, on June 21, 1903, the great day arrived. Major Harper’s prose was again equal to the occasion: “Sunday School in the morning and preaching by the Pastor at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. The fine bell which for 44 years called the congregation together escaped serious damage in the wreck of the old building in its removal, and after the enforced silence of almost a year its sweet tones again made glad our people.”

Two weeks later, on July 5, the new sanctuary saw its first baptism, when the pastor administered the sacrament to Ellen Delight Bernhardt, infant daughter of John Matthias and Ellen Harper Bernhardt.<sup>6</sup>



## CHAPTER 3

### “IF OLD JOHN KNOX LOOKED AT IT . . . ”

he euphoria surrounding the opening of the new sanctuary in June, 1903, was followed by distress in October, when the Rev. C. A. Munroe announced his resignation. Perhaps he was exhausted by the building campaign; at any rate, the reason cited for his leaving was “the inadequate means of support arising from his present salary which he attributed to no fault of the members of the congregation.” He told the session that he had a call from East Alabama Presbytery promising him a salary large enough to support his family.

Apparently the dissolution of a pastoral relation was not at that time the almost perfunctory matter it is today. A resolution of the session deplored “the loss to the congregation in parting with a faithful Pastor and family to whom our people are sincerely attached.”

Mr. Munroe’s request for dismissal was declined by Concord Presbytery, although they did dissolve his pastoral relationship with the Lenoir church. Instead of going to Alabama, the Munroes went no farther than Hickory, North Carolina, where he served as superintendent of Home Missions for Concord Presbytery. In this capacity he figures in some of the later events of our congregation as he worked with them to establish mission churches in the area.

During the interim before a new pastor could be secured, the Rev. A. Shorter Caldwell served as part-time stated supply



preacher. In June, 1904, the Rev. Daniel Patrick McGeachy was called to the church. Received by Concord Presbytery from the Presbytery of Wilmington in November of that year, he was officially installed on January 15, 1905, in good time to be present at the dedication service for the new sanctuary on June 4, 1905.

The preacher for this service was the Rev. Dr. Walter W. Moore, a minister widely known in the southern Presbyterian Church who had received his early education at Finley High Academy in Lenoir. The choir sang an anthem based on Psalm 34, and the hymns were "The Spacious Firmament On High," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Thou Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands."

In the July 2, 1907, issue of the *Lenoir News*, another event at the church is described (author unknown):

"On this visit we found a grand gathering at the Presbyterian church. If old John Knox looked at it through the gates that closed after his happy soul so long ago (and we have not the slightest doubt but that he did) he must have thrown extra vigor into his song of praise.

"It was a typical gathering. There was the young man in his strength, the fathers and mothers, there the bright-faced boys and girls, there the sweet little children, and there, best of all, were the cradle-drill babies in their mother's arms.

"The church (the most beautiful in western North Carolina), was decorated with nasturtiums, and the fragrance of the water lilies that overflowed the front filled the building. The music by the orchestra and the solo sung by Miss Staley were very fine. The five minutes talks by Messrs. Lippard and Dickson were excellent and differed from much such talk in stopping at the second allowed.

"The whole scene showed that good work had been done in the congregation, much of it among the class where our Master worked when on earth. The total

collection was over \$27.00. This goes to help with the new hospital at Hang Chow.

"In the evening Mr. Dickson, who is doing a fine work in Caldwell County, delivered a sermon marked by earnestness and directness.

"As usual the sermon of Rev. D. P. McGeachy Sunday morning was greatly appreciated by his audience. There are several young ministers in Western Carolina who form the glory and promise of the Concord Presbytery. Among these are Revs. Grey of Salisbury, Richards, of Statesville, Wilson, of Mooresville, Traywick, of Hickory, McGeachy, of Lenoir. Upon two of these, Messrs. Grey and Traywick, the hand of Providence has fallen heavily, and it rests with the hidden things of God whether He shall raise them up again to their work. Of the others, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Lenoir has no superior."

During the McGeachy pastorate the women's work advanced. The organization, now called the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, undertook various projects, establishing an organ fund and raising money for new carpet for the church. The women contributed to the support of the first missionary sponsored by the church, Miss Nellie B. Rankin, who served in Korea. When Miss Rankin died in the field, she was succeeded by another woman, Suzanne Avery Colton.

It is interesting to note that, while women could not be ordained as ministers in the Presbyterian Church in the United States until the 1960's, the church saw no problem with allowing them to risk life and limb in remote areas of the world while doing the Lord's work.

In 1907 the women joined the now fully organized Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. That same year, Miss Annie Beall and Mrs. W. H. Craddock were the first delegates sent from the Lenoir church to a meeting of Concord Presbyterial in Statesville, North Carolina. Mrs. Bessie Beall Reid became the third president of the North

Carolina Synodical, organized at Montreat in 1913. On the local front, the women's group organized three neighborhood circles: the Fairfield-Harper Avenue area; Mulberry Street and Hibriten Avenue; and North Main, Ashe Avenue, and Vance Street.

The women's group provided a scholarship for a girl attending the Assembly Training School (now the Presbyterian School for Christian Education) in Richmond, Virginia, and also a scholarship for a student at Mitchell College, a Presbyterian college for females in Statesville, North Carolina. The women were interested in the Barium Springs and Grandfather orphanages and were consistent in their support of them for many years. In 1922 the first Birthday Offering for the Women's Auxiliary went to Miss Dowd's school in Japan.

The records for 1909 offer the first reference to an equally formidable men's group, the Brotherhood Class. This faithful band met on Sunday mornings in its own sacrosanct classroom, but also at other times and other places. A bulletin notice for April 18, 1909, announces that "The Brotherhood meets Monday night at 8:30 in the Masonic Building for a general mix-up and business meeting. After these matters are disposed of the body will adjourn to Jennings' café."

The same year saw the organization of two mission churches, Oakwood and Beattie Memorial. The Oakwood church was organized at McLean's School House, eight miles southwest of Lenoir, with C. A. Munroe, the Presbyterian evangelist and our former pastor, as moderator. The Beattie Memorial Church has a somewhat unusual history. A Mrs. Beattie, of Philadelphia, wrote to her connections in North Carolina to consult with them about building a church somewhere in the state as a memorial to her late husband. (We don't seem to have the first names of either the lady or her husband.) Her contact immediately thought of Major Harper, who knew and was known by everybody, and wrote to him about this matter. Major Harper consulted with C. A. Munroe (we have a charming letter from Munroe referring to "the elect lady"). The two settled on the Patterson area for the location of the church. A building was



constructed at a cost of \$1,500, and six members were dismissed from Lenoir to form the new church. We are not told if Mrs. Beattie ever traveled south to see her church. Surely she did.

Also during this time, church buildings were built at Mortimer (cost \$1,200) and Valmead (cost \$500), with contributions by members of the Lenoir church. Such small churches being unable to afford full time pastors, the pulpits were often supplied by students from Union Seminary, with expenses divided between the Lenoir church and the Home Mission Committee of Concord Presbytery.

As we have seen, the women's group of the church began raising money for a new organ in 1906. This project was supported and completed by Major Harper in May, 1910, when "the church's first handsome pipe organ was given by Major G. W. F. Harper as a memorial to his sainted wife, Mrs. Ella Rankin Harper, who had crossed over the river the previous year." A dedicatory recital was given on Monday evening, June 20, 1910, by Mr. G. Fryatt Mountford, L. Mus., L.C.M. (graduate) Licentiate in Music, London College of Music (1897) and Member of The Royal College of Organists, London, England. (He was a professor at Davenport College.) He was assisted by a choral group composed of Mrs. J.T. Jones and Miss Stella Cloyd, sopranos; Mrs. W. H. Cloyd (Mrs. Harper's sister), alto; Mr. G. F. Harper (son of Major and Mrs. Harper), tenor; and Messrs. Ed Cloyd and R. L. Durham, bass.

The inscription on the organ read: "To the glory of God and to the memory of my beloved wife, Ella Rankin Harper, for more than fifty years the constant benediction of my life, this instrument of praise is affectionately dedicated, May 1910. G. W. F. Harper"

This organ, which served the church until 1949, was played for many years by the Harpers' daughter, Ellen Harper Bernhardt.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Bernhardt was faithful to her duty not only at worship services but for funerals and weddings as well. On one of these occasions, a wedding, toward the end of her long tenure as organist, a breakdown in the pumping mechanism of the

organ caused some consternation. In order to get any sound from the pipes, the organ bellows had to be pumped by hand;<sup>2</sup> and two wedding guests, John M. Bernhardt (husband of the organist) and Rufus Gwyn, offered to undertake this task. Mr. Gwyn was famous for his stage whisper. As the processional began with weak sounds coming from the organ, Mr. Gwyn's admonition to "Pump a little harder, John!" was clearly audible to the assembled congregation.

A later organist, Edith McLean Barden, daughter of Dr. A. A. McLean, has described the instrument thus: "The organ, a two-manual with seven or eight stops, had 'tracker action', which made it very difficult to play. At that time I failed to appreciate the difficulty, but later on during W.W. II when I was interim organist for a year, my fingers ached all day after playing."

Sadly, the congregation said good-bye to Rev. D. P. McGeachy in January 1911, when he resigned to accept a call to a church in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The McGeachy family retained close ties to the Lenoir congregation, being regular summer visitors for many years. Two of the sons, Daniel Patrick, Jr., and Neill, became Presbyterian ministers.

Almost immediately, without the long interim period churches experience today, the next pastor, Rev. Charles Tappey Squires, arrived in February 1911. After causing a flurry of excitement among the ladies of the Auxiliary with his marriage in May of that year to Miss Nona Harris, he was officially installed as pastor June 4. The session minutes record that Mr. Squires invited the session and the diaconate to his house for a "beautiful repast" served by Mrs. Squires and her visiting relatives.<sup>3</sup>

A report to the Presbytery in 1912 gives some information about the financial aid given to weaker churches, to maintain preaching services at Mortimer, Edgemont, Patterson (Beattie Memorial), McLeans's (Oakwood), Mary's Grove and Valmead by Rev. George N. Thomas. The report also states that our pastor, in addition to the services at our church, held evangelistic services in two churches of the Presbytery; preached at Whitnel the third Sabbath afternoon of each month; and

conducted an afternoon service at Valmead every other Sunday.

“The every member canvass,” continues the report, “has brought very gratifying results in the regular contributions on the part of a large number who heretofore have lost the blessing which comes to the regular systematic and cheerful giver.”

Concerning the spiritual nourishment of the congregation, it remarks that “the attendance upon the stated Sabbath morning worship is excellent, but our members neglect the evening service to such an extent that if it were not for the attendance of the many non-members our congregations would average scarcely forty, but we are glad to say that usually our visitors furnish a good night congregation.” “The mid-week prayer meeting attendance averages about 27. Only 10 per cent of the members attend with any degree of regularity.” Also: “Family worship is the habitual practice in only a few households, but the devine (*sic*) blessing is invoked at the table in many families. The custom of social and family visiting is invading the sanctity of the ‘Lord’s Day’, and parents are shifting the responsibility of rearing their children in the fear of God to the Sabbath School. We exhort you to use the school as an aid but do not permit it to supplant the training of your children.”

Other problems not unfamiliar to us arose a year or so later. “The Teaching Corps of the (Sunday) School was also commended and the Session earnestly urged that the Teachers set an example to the Scholars for regularity and punctual attendance as the order and work of the school is impaired by the inability of the Superintendant to open at the appointed hour.”

In 1915, following several years of discussion about the realignment of the boundaries of the presbyteries, the Synod of North Carolina recommended the creation of a new Synod of Appalachia for the western counties of the state, including Caldwell. The distress of the Lenoir church session caused by this proposal is evident in a resolution to Concord Presbytery in which the elders “emphatically pray that the Lenoir Church and the dependent churches of Caldwell County be permitted to remain as now in Concord Presbytery . . . We earnestly oppose

the erection of weak dependent Presbyteries as a matter of Church Policy and we pray that we may not be forced into such a Court.”

The Rev. Charles T. Squires was instrumental in defeating the proposal regarding the Caldwell County churches and was commended by the session for his efforts. These churches remained in Concord Presbytery until the dissolution of the presbytery following the 1983 reunion of the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian Church.

In February 1918 Squires received a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Laurens, South Carolina. The session was not at all philosophical about this change. It resolved “that it was the desire of the Officers of this church that the Pastoral relation be continued and that they would feel that the church would sustain a loss by its dissolution. They would personally regret to lose the Pastor who has served as such for several years very acceptably and is still doing so.”



## CHAPTER 4

### “THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS”



he black cloud over the church soon revealed a silver lining. The session minutes of May 5, 1918, recounted that “the members of the committee who recently visited the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, S.C. for the purpose of seeing and hearing Rev. A. A. McLean reported that they performed that duty . . . and from observation and general information they report that in their opinion our church would have nothing to regret if we could secure Mr. McLean as Pastor of the Lenoir Presbyterian Church.”

This understated assessment ushered in the thirty-six year pastorate of Augustus Alexander McLean, D.D. The congregation found that indeed, in those thirty-six years, they had “nothing to regret.” As for Dr. McLean, in his reminiscences he says, “I had some opportunities to go elsewhere and maybe I should have moved for the good of the church, but as for me and mine, those were happy days.”

The McLeans arrived in Lenoir in September 1918, just before the onset of the terrible influenza epidemic that wrought havoc throughout the world at the close of the first World War. Dr. McLean preached in the church the first Sunday in October, after which no service was held there until January 1, 1919.

During this time Dr. McLean began his ministry not only to the church but to others in the community, carrying pots of soup to the afflicted and otherwise helping where he could.

Though he knew nothing of boards of directors and non-profit organizations, this simple earnestness in doing the Lord's work became the inspiration for the church's later efforts.

Among John Christian Bernhardt's memories of Dr. McLean are the 18-hour days he put in visiting the sick and grieving. "I don't mean he just went to pray over them. He went to look after the people who needed his help. If they needed comforting, he would do that. If they needed kindling, he would chop it up for them . . . He was a saint in our times."<sup>1</sup>

The McLean family was not exempt from the ravages of the flu epidemic. In his memoir, Dr. McLean writes, "The first of us to have flu was Fred. Then Hallie had it and I, too. Edith was taken to Mrs. Seagle's and when she contracted it she was brought home. I remember I spent my birthday and anniversary in bed. There was a terrible downpour and my spirits were at a low ebb. Fred continued to run a temperature and Dr. McNairy said it might be advisable to call in another doctor. So we got Dr. Houck. He and Dr. McNairy examined Fred and then went into a huddle. When he was gone I asked Dr. McNairy what he had said. She replied 'Delayed resolution.' I asked what that might be and she said 'that's what doctors say when they don't know.' Dr. Caroline McNairy was our doctor all the years we were in Lenoir and she was faithful and unusually fine in every respect."

The McLean brood increased eventually to seven lively children. During the happy but sometimes trying times of these early years, Dr. McLean once remarked that wakeful nights with crying babies made him believe "less in colic and more in original sin."

Hallie McLean Parker, the McLeans' youngest daughter recalls: "We always sat toward the back of the church and, with seven children, almost filled up the pew. Our motive for behaving well was the threat that if we didn't, we would be deprived of our dessert, a Sunday only chocolate cake with caramel icing. After each small altercation or misbehavior, we would in a stage whisper ask our mother if we still would get our cake. Usually Mrs. Jennings<sup>2</sup> who always sat behind us would

say after the service, 'Mrs. McLean, please give those children their cake.' We loved Mrs. Jennings and were very sad if she was absent from church."

The years following World War I saw an increase in the membership of the church. In 1920 a community-wide revival by the evangelist Gypsy Smith brought in a large number. For several years the leadership of the church had been seeing a need for more space for the Sunday school. In 1922 a Sunday school annex consisting of 21 rooms and a large assembly room was completed at a cost (including some remodeling of the sanctuary also) of \$28,000. During the construction the congregation met at the court house two blocks away.

Dr. McLean writes: "There were three places where we held Sunday afternoon services, Valmead, Whitnel and Fairview. A neighbor kept Edith and Fred while Hallie and I played and sang at Valmead in an old house that was made available. At Whitnel we had a small chapel and at Fairview Mr. J. H. Beall conducted a Sunday school. At these various places I taught Sunday School and led the singing as occasion demanded."

In 1924 the Valmead chapel was organized as a church of Concord Presbytery, taking the name "Beattie Memorial Presbyterian Church." (At the same time the Beattie Memorial Church at Patterson was dissolved.) In 1965 Beattie Memorial and the church at Whitnel merged to form what is now the United Presbyterian Church. The Fairview Presbyterian Church was organized May 4, 1930.


A special meeting of the session was held Tuesday, April 21, 1931, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Setzer. Present were Rev. A. A. McLean and elders W. H. Craddock and J. H. Beall. They had come "to administer the ordinance of baptism" to Marion Setzer, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Setzer, and to receive her into full membership in the church—this "at the voluntary request of little Marion herself." A poignant note at the conclusion of the minutes tells us that "Marion Setzer died early Thursday morning April 30th, 1931 and was laid to rest 2:30 p.m. May 1st, 1931."





## CHAPTER 5

### SOLDIERING ON, AT HOME AND ABROAD

he new church that replaced the little white church in 1903 was a red-brick Victorian Gothic building with a crenellated bell tower.<sup>1</sup> In the little vestibule hung a bell pull to activate the bell that had survived the fall down the hill. Stained-glass windows memorialized the early leaders of the church. Some of these windows are used now in our later buildings.

In the beginning there was no Sunday school building. Some classes were held in an annex off of the church, while others were scattered throughout the sanctuary. When the Sunday school building was built in 1922, the annex was done away with in the sanctuary remodeling.

Inside, the floor of the sanctuary was not level, but sloped toward the front.<sup>2</sup> The organ and choir were in the front. There were actually two choir lofts, one on each side of the organ and the central pulpit. These spaces were delineated by a brass rail and a blue velvet curtain<sup>3</sup> until 1938, when it was evidently decided that a more sophisticated style would be preferable, and beautiful dark carved wood railings replaced the brass and velvet.<sup>4</sup>

The choir used the lefthand loft, with three or four rows of chairs facing sideways to the congregation. The men sat on the back row; one of these was Mr. George F. Harper, son of the major, who had a beautiful voice. Mr. Harper liked to tilt his chair backwards, and frequently took a nap in that position.

After a few years of this, an indentation in the wall made by his head was clearly visible.

The righthand loft was used by instrumentalists. The leader and instigator of this group was James C. Harper, son of Mr. George and grandson of Major Harper. Captain Harper was the director of the Lenoir High School Band, which became famous for its outstanding performances and its consistent superior ratings in band contests. Captain Harper enlisted his Presbyterian band students to join him in playing for the Sunday morning worship services. Bill McLean, son of Dr. McLean, comments:

“One of the finest influences on the young people of our community was the high school band and the committed leadership of Capt. James Harper. He saw to it that many of the Presbyterian band members made a contribution to the Sunday worship service. (At least, we were told that it was a contribution, playing the hymns along with the organ.) Capt. Harper was there every Sunday, and the others, in addition to myself, were George Bernhardt, Lynn Bernhardt, Fred Thompson, and Charles Haymaker. (I’m sure that there were more that could be added to this list.) We were in the small choir stall to the right of the pulpit, in full view of everyone. It was hard to be still for an hour, but Capt. Harper always impressed on us that we were in full view of the congregation—which meant we had to behave. But for our entertainment Lynn Bernhardt would often bring comic books to pass around with the real challenge of escaping Capt. Harper’s detection.”<sup>5</sup>

The first service in the remodeled sanctuary was held on September 4, 1938, with Dr. Walter Lingle of Davidson College as preacher. 225 new hymnbooks had been purchased (“large size with notes”) to enhance the worship service. A music committee composed of James C. Harper, Fred H. Brown and Mrs. O. L. Moore made the selection.<sup>6</sup>

During this period, the Sunday school was steadily growing in numbers and influence. Hallie Parker describes one of the

classes: "I played the piano for Mrs. (Bessie Beall) Reid's primary Sunday school class during my high school years and was always fascinated and hypnotized by her powerful story-telling ability. One I will always remember involved a circus performer who allowed a python to wrap itself around her. When she tapped this snake three times, it would release its hold, but one fateful day she tapped and the snake continued to squeeze. This, according to Mrs. Reid, compared exactly to the hold alcohol will have on an individual. I can still see the rapt attention of the children. A pin dropped would have made an audible noise."

An outreach Sunday school at Hayes Hill in West Lenoir was established in 1942. The principal worker at this site was Mrs. J. C. (Isabel) Seagle, who taught classes there every Sunday afternoon for many years.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continued to be an active force in the life of the church. Aside from their mission work, other activities included organizing a "canned fruit shower" for the McLean family on its return from summer vacation in Montreat and donating money for repairs on the Manse. The Auxiliary at that time held monthly meetings with speakers. The annual Birthday Party would have a program built around a mission objective of the national women's organization. One year the theme was Japan. Following a devotional led by Mrs. E. F. Reid on "Love for the Whole World," Miss Mattocks, dietician at Caldwell Hospital, wearing a Japanese costume, spoke on customs of the people of Japan, and Josephine and Gwendolyn Cloer sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Japanese.

At another meeting of the Auxiliary, members of the Isabel Seagle Circle presented a paper on the lack of reverence in the church on Sunday morning. The Auxiliary voted to endorse the paper and to ask Dr. McLean to read it at a worship service.

The youth group which met on Sunday evenings was known at that time as the "Christian Endeavor." According to Bill McLean: "The Sunday evening 'Christian Endeavor' offered good fellowship for young people, even without scintillating programs. The program chair was the one who took the resource book, cut



out all the parts, distributed them to the first four or five to arrive, and they were read without dramatically changing the course of anyone's life.<sup>7</sup> But the real value was our fellowship with one another, plus being related to some committed adult who had volunteered for the challenging position of youth sponsor."

The session minutes of July 14, 1940, declare that a "class for young married couples" has been formed. This was the legendary Couples' Class, which had its own specially decorated classroom and its own mission projects. The class endured for more than forty years, graying and praying together, until it was merged into the remnants of the Brotherhood Class and the Mary-Martha Class (a ladies' group) and finally dissolved.

The Couples' Class, which made such a strong beginning in 1940, was surely depleted in numbers and strength with the advent of World War II, when many of the members were away from home. By January, 1943, thirty-four church members were serving in the armed forces. A letter from the pastor and elders, accompanied by a pocket New Testament, offered encouragement: "Your star is one of thirty-four that hangs in a prominent place on the wall of our auditorium, and all who come to worship are reminded of you in your absence. Our church is open at least six days a week and at every service prayer is offered for your protection and guidance until you return.

"You were taught in Sunday School and from the pulpit to pray and work for peace and hate war, but you were also taught that sometimes peace is offered at a price too dear to be paid. There are priceless heritages that have been won under the influence of the Christian church and when the loss of these is threatened by a ruthless and unreasoning power, it is then the right of Christians to defend these possessions with such force as is necessary for their preservations . . . . We assure you that we miss you very, very much, and that we look forward in faith and hope to the day when having acquitted yourself as a good soldier to your country, you shall return to be even a better soldier of the Christ who gave His all for the salvation of the world."<sup>8</sup>

On the home front, the church carried on. During the war




years a succession of Directors of Religious Education,<sup>9</sup> freshly graduated from the Assembly Training School in Richmond, Virginia,<sup>10</sup> came to assist Dr. McLean, primarily with youth work. This new position was not fully understood by the session, which described it in the minutes as “office secretary.” Perhaps the session was simply being realistic about it; for these young women actually did a lot of clerical work, there being no other office staff.

Of course, the regular worship services continued as always. The Wednesday night prayer meeting became especially meaningful, as the faithful gathered in the Ladies’ Parlor (around a potbellied stove in the winter months) to offer prayers for their servicemen as well as the sick and bereaved of the congregation. Dr. McLean nourished his people with his calm and steadfast faith, even in the midst of his own sorrows. His oldest son Fred was killed in a plane crash in 1944 while serving as an Army chaplain.



## CHAPTER 6

# GOD ENLARGES OUR TERRITORY

he postwar years began hesitantly in the church because Dr. McLean had “serious surgery” in Richmond and was absent for several months. During this time Rev. Robert Turner of Morganton filled the pulpit. When Dr. McLean returned, he was still facing a period of convalescence. James Mann, a seminary student from Richmond, came to help out during the summer of 1946. There was a discussion in the session about assisting with the “very heavy hospital expenses.”

When Dr. McLean regained his strength, the church leaders rallied to address several issues in the community. They had already, in January 1946, offered a resolution in favor of Bible teaching in the public schools. In this effort they were joined by leaders of other churches, and in 1950 Miss Alice McConnell arrived to fill the position in the schools.

The idea of Sunday movies was anathema to Dr. McLean, as well as to all the other ministers in town. At least twice the session wrote to the city council asking them not to lift the ban on Sunday movies. Both times the city council acquiesced and received a letter of thanks from our session for its cooperation. Of course we know that Sunday movies eventually did come. Young people of today, in fact, will probably be surprised to know that was ever an issue.

Some social unrest that had been held in abeyance during the war years surfaced in the late forties. In April, 1947, the

church session presented an overture to Concord Presbytery asking that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to discontinue membership in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.<sup>1</sup> The council, the resolution claimed, had been meddling in politics, working for the passage in Congress of “a vengeful act apparently designed to humiliate, harrass and embarrass *all* of the people in that great area composing the 16 Southern States, the home of the Southern Presbyterian Church.” Moreover, the resolution continued, the Council was working in the South to help the C.I.O. organize Southern industry. To top it off, the council president, Bishop Oxnam, was alleged to have Communist affiliations.<sup>2</sup>

In the discussion about the resolution in the session, the moderator (Dr. McLean) presented some letters and comments, all favorable to the Federal Council of Churches. In spite of the general respect for Dr. McLean, nine elders voted for adoption of the resolution, one not voting “for the present.” (Two absentee members of the session later signed the document.) It must be borne in mind that the leaders in the church were primarily factory owners, or at least in top management positions, of the local furniture industry and therefore had a vested interest in preserving the status quo.

J. H. Beall, at that time clerk of session, commented in the minutes, “It is a notable and gratifying fact that in this meeting the entire discussion and debate was in fine Christian spirit.”

About this same time, church treasurer L. E. Dimmette asked the session for authority to borrow \$2,500 for paying the costs of completing and equipping two chapels, one at Warrior Station north of Lenoir and one two miles south near the Hickory Road. This was granted, and the two chapels came into existence in the spring of 1948. On May 30 new members were received at the Warrior chapel “until such time as a church can be duly and officially formed.” This followed a special week of preaching services by the Rev. B. B. Shankel. The Warrior Presbyterian Church was organized May 27, 1949, and continued until 1955, when it was closed. The organization of



the church at Whitnel took place October 9, 1949. As we have seen, this church combined with Beattie Memorial in 1965 to form the United Presbyterian Church.

In this year the church undertook the support of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Petrie (Mary Belle Madden) Mitchell as missionaries to Korea, at a salary of \$3,000 per year. The Mitchells were given a send-off with a reception at the Manse on July 30. They maintained close friendships within the congregation, and were faithful correspondents and welcome visitors when on furlough. Of course, their first trip home was somewhat sooner than they had expected; the Korean War broke out the next year, and they were evacuated.<sup>3</sup> However, they were able to return to Korea later, and served faithfully there for many years.



## CHAPTER 7

### “EVERY DAY I REMEMBER YOU”

**I**n the late forties the congregation began looking with much anticipation toward the church centennial in 1952. Several improvements to the church facilities were planned, including a new kitchen. The large room adjoining the kitchen, where the Brotherhood Class met, was refurbished and renamed the Centennial Room; this room served as the fellowship hall until a new educational building was constructed in 1965.

A new Aeolian-Skinner organ, the cause for great rejoicing, was installed in 1949. This instrument had three manuals and a variety of stops allowing for more versatility in interpretation of the music. The design consultant for the organ (aided by Captain Harper and other musicians in the church) was William Self, at that time organist and choirmaster at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. William Self, although not a Presbyterian, had grown up in Lenoir and was a childhood playmate of the children of George Lynn and Lucy Richmond Bernhardt who lived just up the street. Through his success in his chosen field, he had achieved celebrity status in Lenoir, at least in musical circles. On Sunday evening, August 7, 1949 (following a service of dedication for the organ at the morning worship service), he played a recital to a packed house.<sup>1</sup>

The regular church organist was Jean (Mrs. Lynn) Bernhardt, who began her service at the church in 1945 and

played faithfully until her final retirement in 1987. She had retired once before, but, when her successor moved away, came back and played another ten years. (She still substitutes for the present organist, Anne Starnes.) The choir director during most of this time was George W. Kirsten, Jr., who had come to Lenoir as assistant director of the Lenoir High School Band under Captain Harper, and later became band director at Hibriten High School. For several years when Mr. Kirsten was away from Lenoir, Lynn Bernhardt served as choir director.

The great day for the observance of the centennial came on July 27, 1952. The proceedings began at 10:00 a.m. with a hymn, scripture, prayer, and the presentation of a historical paper by Mr. J. Harper Beall, Sr. "Bless This House" was sung by a quartet composed of George W. Kirsten, Jr.; Lynn R. Bernhardt; J. Harper Beall, Jr.; and Fred A. Long. Following this Mrs. Bessie Beall Reid gave a history of the Women of the Church. Then came an intermission, after which morning worship officially began at 11:15. The quartet sang again, this time "Thanks Be To God" (Dickson); and the choir's anthem was "Now Thank We All Our God" (Mueller). The Rev. Neill McGeachy, son of our former pastor, D. P. McGeachy, preached the sermon, entitled "The Unchanging Christ." Hymns were "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Listed on the front page of the centennial program were: Rev. A. A. McLean, D.D., pastor; Miss Beatrice Kiser, Director Religious Education;<sup>2</sup> George W. Kirsten, Jr.; Choir Director; Mrs. Lynn R. Bernhardt, Organist; J. H. Beall, Clerk of Session; J. H. Beall, Jr., Chairman, Board of Deacons; and John C. Bernhardt, Chairman, Centennial Committee.

In the month of the centennial celebration, the church leaders turned their attention to another need. In spite of the recent renovations, there was no place for the youth of the church. The chairman of the board of deacons appointed a committee to look into the possibility of providing an area for



young people's activities. In August a resolution presented by Dr. McLean proposed a plan of providing separate quarters "to be specially designed and constructed for the use and benefit of the children and those of early youth in this church; and, be it further resolved that, when completed, this building, according to long established custom, be set apart and solemnly dedicated to such use as would be to the Glory of God and for the utmost good of our young people."

"To this end," the resolution continued, "and in humble prayerful desire to make this Department of the utmost good—spiritually and otherwise—and that it may be perpetually conducted with the same reverent care as are all other departments of the work of this church, it is further resolved that the guidance and supervision of mature, experienced, and devout members of this church be provided to serve as a special committee for such purpose, and that said committee be appointed initially and annually by the session of this church." The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the session and carried, at the congregational meeting, by "what seemed to be the unanimous vote of the congregation."

So it was that the Youth Building came into being. It was constructed in the fall of 1952, at the foot of a slope behind the church, and dedicated as a memorial building honoring James T. Pritchett, a recently deceased elder who had been a strong supporter of the cause. The Youth Building served as a meeting place for the youth fellowship and Boy Scouts; also, during the week, a kindergarten was in operation there for a number of years. At the present time the Adult Life Center, a day care center for adults, occupies the facility, the church youth groups having moved into new quarters within the church buildings.

In April 1951 a momentous change took place when the congregation approved a rotation system for the deacons. Up until this time church officers, once elected, served for life (except in the case of a deacon who was elected elder and thus left the board of deacons). As early as 1946, the officers had

met to consider a plan of rotation for all officers, but this had been set aside in favor of the status quo. Now, five years later, it was an idea whose time had come—at least for the deacons. Elder rotation did not come until 1970.

Ever since the end of the War Between the States, when the Presbyterian Church had split into northern and southern branches, attempts had been made from time to time to reunite the church. Finally, the 1954 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the southern church) approved the reunion and the question was sent to the presbyteries for a vote. Many church people at the grass-roots level were still reluctant to agree, the “late unpleasantness” still being an issue after more than ninety years. The proposal was not accepted by a majority of the presbyteries and so was not adopted. It was not until 1983 that reunion became a reality.

At the time of the 1954 proposal the Lenoir church session took its own vote and came up with four elders for and seven against. The minutes tell us that “Elder (John Barr) Houston made a statement that it is of the utmost importance for the good of our church that no matter what position any officer or church member may hold on any controversial issue, that above all we should consider the peace and unity of our church and a spirit of brotherly love.”

As Dr. McLean approached his seventieth birthday, he began to feel that it was time to go. He requested retirement as of October 19, 1954. This was a sad time. Many of the church members had never known any other pastor. However, Dr. McLean retired to his home in Montreat and stayed near us physically and spiritually, returning from time to time to visit and preach. At his funeral in 1976 there was not an empty seat in the church nor an empty spot in the parking lot, even though he was over ninety years old and had been away from Lenoir for two decades.

Dr. McLean left for the congregation a letter which was read at his funeral:

To be read at a regular church service, if it is appropriate (after I'm gone).

April 8, 1972

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir:

*I should feel that I had failed in a most important area of my life, if I did not try to express my appreciation for the many things you have done for me and mine. The years I lived in Lenoir were the happiest of my life and I find that you did much to make them so. As I have said before, everyday I remember you, and, if it is the thing to do, on the other side I shall continue to pray.*

*With heartfelt gratitude,*


A. A. McLean





## CHAPTER 8:

### “DO YOU HEAR ME?”

oon after Dr. McLean's retirement, a committee visited Richmond, Virginia. Their purpose was to talk with Archie McKee, a young graduate of Union Seminary who had stayed on at the seminary as administrative assistant to the president, Dr. Ben Lacy. The discussions proving satisfactory to all the participants, the committee came home to Lenoir and began negotiations toward bringing Archie McKee here as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The official call was issued February 13, 1955; and Archie's installation occurred on August 14, 1955.

Early in the process of planning for the new minister came the realization that the church would have to do something about "suitable living quarters." The 1893 Manse on North Main Street so lovingly maintained by Miss Emma Rankin and the Manse Association, was now old and, by 1950's standards, inconvenient. At the November 8, 1954, meeting of the session, a resolution introduced by John Christian Bernhardt declared "that the present Manse should be sold without delay . . . That, therefore, the congregation should clearly recognize the fact that a prompt sale of the present Manse will leave our church with no facilities for housing a pastor . . . , the Congregation should also recognize the fact that it should not authorize the sale of the present Manse unless this is done together with the full determination to contribute without delay the sum of \$25,000.00 in cash which amount, together with the estimated

amount that can be secured from the sale of the present Manse, will be necessary to provide a suitable new Manse.” The old Manse was sold in February, 1955, for \$11,000; it is assumed that the additional money was provided somehow, for the new house was built at 107 Poplar Street on a lot purchased from the Beall family (a part of the original Fairfield property of James Harper).

Archie McKee has noted that “the Manse was designed by Aiji Tashiro and built by Taylor Bros. Construction and occupied by the McKees in the fall of 1955. We arrived in Lenoir in July and resided on Maple Drive in a home rented from Grover Robbins. This home was located in a nest of church members, to wit: Harper Beall, Jr.; T. Glen Miller; Turner Nelson; and Lloyd Woolley. It is important to note that Aiji Tashiro was a member of the congregation—in 1955 we had a Japanese American Christian ‘in our flock.’ He was a devoted Christian and a very scholarly teacher of the senior high church school class.”

The new minister, upon his arrival, was quick to point out that “I go by ‘Archie.’” This set a new note of informality in the church, offset only by a recommendation in the session minutes that the new pastor wear “clerical vestments” in the pulpit. (Dr. McLean had worn a robe only on special occasions.) Archie saw the need for increased emphasis on youth work and was persistent in recruiting advisors for the youth fellowship. Two Directors of Christian Education served the church during his tenure—first Elsie Kay Lapsley, then Gloria Brinkley, both graduates of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. More help was provided by summer interns, students at Union Seminary. Among these were Blake Bradley, who later became a missionary to Taiwan for whom we provided partial support; Will Terry, who became dean of students at Davidson College; Doug Vaughn, who married Martha Walsh, a member of our congregation, and served a number of churches, the last before retirement being the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, North Carolina; and Jim Barksdale, who became our neighbor as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of North Wilkesboro.

Stepped-up activity in the area of youth work meant that

the church leaders were confronted with new decisions. They were asked to approve "round dancing" as "one of the forms of recreation allowed in our Youth Building when properly chaperoned and supervised." The session did agree to this, but requested the moderator to contact other Presbyterian churches in the area to see if they had objections to dancing at an upcoming youth conference. On another occasion, they approved a request from the young people to have a car wash to raise money for some classroom equipment "with the understanding that solicitation be confined to our own congregation." Up until this time, selling goods or services to raise money was considered decidedly un-Presbyterian.

Another, more controversial, request from the youth had to do with inviting "a negro preacher to discuss the race question with them at a retreat." The session was not quite ready for this; however, the vote was quite close. The elders voted 6-5 against granting the request, with, as the record states, "one elder having left to attend choir practice."

In 1959 the need for expansion of the church facilities became evident. Several lots adjacent to the church on Kirkwood Street were purchased from Grover Triplett; also, more significantly for immediate needs, a house next door belonging to Mrs. Mary Frances Sisk was acquired for \$15,000. The church office, which up until that time had operated in a cramped room next to the sanctuary, was moved to the Sisk house.<sup>1</sup> The upstairs part of the house became a nursery for Sunday mornings.

At this time some major changes were made in the upper floor of the education building. The large Sunday school auditorium was deemed less necessary than more classroom space since the sanctuary could be used for large gatherings. Walls were moved; and the auditorium area now became a large classroom, a robing room for the choir, a kitchenette, and a lovely little chapel designed in the Williamsburg style by Mrs. Evelyn Allen.

A church library had been authorized in June of 1957. At about the same time, a fireproof vault had been installed, where all the church records could be kept in safety.

Foreign missions continued to be important in the life of the congregation. By this time they had undertaken full support (\$5,400) for the Mitchells in Korea and had added partial support (\$400) for William and Ruth Metzel in the Congo. To this list was added, in 1959, the Rev. Ken Goodpasture in Portugal.

The McKee family enjoyed life in Lenoir. Doris McKee had her own ministry in the church and was also active with the Girl Scouts. Mark, the fourth child and only son of Archie and Doris, was born in Lenoir in 1959. They felt blest by the love and care of the congregation. "It was for us," recalls Archie, "a time when we were truly ministered to by the congregation."

During one Sunday morning worship service, says Archie, "I was whacking away at some sermon and, probably, thundering away and Jack and Hope Barringer and their precious little girl were sitting in the second row. And I think the text must have had something to do with the sermon of Jesus saying 'He who has ears to hear, let him hear.' Because I raised my voice and called out, 'Do you hear me?' And then, from the second row, came a little child's answer: 'Yes, I hear you.' I think everyone in the congregation felt that this was a suitable benediction."



## CHAPTER 9

### “THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE”



n July 28, 1961, Archie announced his resignation to the session. He had received a call from the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church in Tampa, Florida, and felt moved to accept the call.

On October 29 of that year the congregation unanimously approved a call to the Rev. T. Hartley Hall IV of Raleigh to succeed Archie McKee as pastor. The Hall family arrived in early December and moved into the Manse on Poplar Street.

Hartley was not scheduled to preach at the church until the second Sunday of December. On the first Sunday he and his wife Ann, with their two young daughters, decided to attend church more or less incognito. They were late arriving, and the only seats available were on the front row. A solicitous usher, educated in the art of greeting visitors, apologized for this and promised that “if you come back next Sunday, I’ll get you the best seats in the house.” No doubt, on December 10 he was surprised to see his erstwhile visitor ensconced in the big pulpit chair in the chancel.

Hartley’s installation service was scheduled for January 28, 1972. However, Mother Nature intervened. A snowstorm made it impossible for the out-of-town commissioners of Concord Presbytery to get to Lenoir. Hartley naturally was disconcerted by this turn of events, but rose to the occasion by delivering, in his mellifluous Macon, Georgia, accent, an excellent impromptu sermon to the faithful remnant in the pews. The installation

was re-scheduled for February 18. This time it happened.

With his talent for organization and a strong preference for doing things decently and in order, Hartley worked with the session to produce new policies on funerals, weddings and delivering communion to shut-ins. He encouraged revitalization of the Men of the Church. He conducted training sessions for the women's circle Bible leaders each month, giving them the benefit of his boundless knowledge of the Bible to take back to the circles. A group of ten to fifteen people met at the Manse one evening a month to study books on contemporary theology or plays and novels with a theological impact.

About this time, a new wind was blowing in the area of Christian education in the Presbyterian Church. A new curriculum, called the Covenant Life Curriculum, was revolutionizing church schools. Rather than sitting in straight rows of chairs and listening to a teacher lecture, classes were now encouraged to sit around a table and discuss the lesson. The teacher was now called a "moderator."

This approach called for more space than the old way required. Hartley looked around the education building with its cramped classrooms, and his eye lit on the big room on the bottom floor which was the special meeting place of the Brotherhood Class. This class had once been a large group (nearly a hundred) but had now dwindled to ten or fifteen.

"I coveted that room," says Hartley. He envisioned the room full of tables full of students working with the Covenant Life Curriculum.

And then he went to see Ralph Winkler in the hospital. Mr. Winkler had retired from his job because of a disability but, since his retirement, had found numerous ways to make himself useful around the church.<sup>1</sup> He was also a faithful member of the Brotherhood Class. From his hospital bed, he shared some memories with the new minister.

"When I go into that room," he told Hartley, "I look at the empty chairs and I see where Mr. So-and-So sat over there and Mr. So-and-So sat in that row. It may look like there's nobody

there, but I know better. They're there."

"That was the best lesson I ever had on the doctrine of the communion of saints," says Hartley. There was no more talk of converting the Brotherhood classroom. The younger adult classes did use the new curriculum enthusiastically, but the Brotherhood and Mary-Martha classes stuck to the old Uniform Bible Lessons.

To help him with the implementation of the Covenant Life Curriculum and other innovations, Hartley called Onnie Bailey, Jr. as Director of Christian Education. Onnie, another graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, was a man of many talents and considerable creativity. He did much to enliven the Christian education program and was instrumental in the planning of the new building completed in 1965.

The Long Range Planning Committee had recommended a new building as early as 1963, when the committee came to the conclusion that "the existing building is woefully inadequate." At this same time the sanctuary became a cause of concern. A study of the situation cited "photographs taken at various places in and around the Sanctuary, showing considerable deterioration at some points, shrinkage at others, and bulges in walls and ceiling joints. The wiring was reported as being generally unsafe."

The committee concluded that it would be a "waste of time, material and money to attempt any renovation of the Sanctuary." The plan eventually approved by the congregation on April 5, 1964, called for Stage 1, the new education building not to exceed \$240,000 (though, of course, it did ultimately exceed that figure); Stage 2, the sanctuary construction undertaken "as soon as appears possible" after the completion of the education building; and a capital campaign for both structures.

Dr. Donald Lackey was chosen to serve as chairman of the capital campaign. The building committee for the education building was composed of Donald Baker, chairman, Bill Suddreth, and Jack Buss.

The architectural firm of Hartley and Thompson was



chosen to prepare the plans for both buildings. Harold Hartley was a member of the congregation as well as a gifted architect. The style of architecture for the sanctuary caused some heated debate. Onnie Bailey fashioned a scale model of the sanctuary done in a contemporary style. Though minimalist in nature, with brick walls inside, the model nevertheless utilized some of the pieces of the old sanctuary. The most prominent feature was the front wall of the building, which was almost entirely made up of the old stained-glass windows. However, a vocal part of the congregation favored an older tradition, and wanted a church in the Colonial style. Some of the elders complained that their wives would not put up with this stark contemporary building. The result was the red-brick Colonial building we have today. The education building completed in 1965 was also designed to coordinate with the future sanctuary.

At the end of 1964, the question of a rotation system for the session arose. Archie McKee had felt frustrated by the difficulty in reaching a quorum at session meetings because some of the elders were of such an age that they did not like to go out at night. On December 6, 1964, the congregation voted on the proposal, with 89 against and 86 for it. The minutes state that there were 159 present at the congregational meeting. (Yes, that's what it says.)

About this time, another controversy arose which seems unimportant now but did cause some concern at the time. One of the elders, Fred Long, felt keenly the need to minister to a group of children living in a nearby rural community called Setzer's Gap. There was a Presbyterian church in the area, but it was too small to have an adequate Sunday school or any programs directed toward children. Mr. Long began the practice of rounding up the children and bringing them to First Presbyterian for Sunday school and church. The problem was that the children were undisciplined. They would not stay in the Sunday school classrooms but roamed the halls and created disorder in other parts of the church. During the morning worship service they were often unsupervised because Mr. Long



sang in the choir and left them to their own devices. They were in and out of the room, in and out of their seats and often under their seats. On one occasion it was reported that some of them were cracking nuts on the floor.

When asked by a concerned member of the congregation if all this activity right under his nose bothered him, Hartley replied, "Well, no. You see, I have astigmatism and I don't even see it." Others were less tolerant. The session book contains a letter from the deacons about "the improper conduct of unsupervised children." The session passed a resolution "that the group of children not be brought into the Sanctuary for worship service by Elder Fred Long until the Session has determined a course of action for their direct supervision." Various members of the congregation took turns sitting with the children; but they continued to be unruly, and the system eventually broke down. The less-than-happy ending of the affair was that the children, and Elder Long as well, retreated to Setzer's Gap, leaving the church members to deal with feelings of guilt and self-doubt as to their ability to witness to a group with obvious needs.

Fred Long, after a year or two of nonattendance at church and session meetings, was transferred to the inactive roll and his relationship as an officer of the church was dissolved. He became a leader of the Setzer's Gap Presbyterian Church. This little church was dissolved at its own request in 1969.<sup>2</sup> Then, two years later, the trustees of Concord Presbytery sold the property to the trustees of Setzer's Gap Independent Church for ten dollars.<sup>3</sup> The church still exists today; and, in spite of the presbytery's stipulation that it not operate as a Presbyterian church, it is still called Setzer's Gap Presbyterian Church, though it is not affiliated with any Presbyterian structure.

The 1960's era, as some of us well remember, was when the push for integration and racial equality began. The churches of Lenoir were not exempt from these tensions. A recollection from Hartley Hall sheds some light on how things were at First Presbyterian Church at this time.

This was during the time when civil rights protest "sit-ins"

were taking place everywhere, and groups of black “worshippers” would present themselves at “white” churches at eleven on Sunday morning. And many churches, loyal either to the ideal or the practice of a segregated society, would turn them away. During this time, our deacons [very properly, I would add] sent a delegation to the Session with a request for guidance and clarification as to our policy in this regard at First Presbyterian in Lenoir.

I remember the evening very well. The deacons, in effect, asked: “If Negroes appear at worship on Sunday morning, what should we do?—should we seat them or turn them away?” I remember the heavy silence that fell upon the assembled elders, and then the murmurings of private conversations around the room. But no one publicly addressed the matter until John Christian Bernhardt sort of cleared his throat and said, “If Negroes appear for worship on a Sunday morning, I would like the ushers instructed that they are to be seated with me and my family.”


And that was the end of the matter. No more discussion. Because there was simply no way the Session could *not* adopt the motion. John Christian’s “solution” not only settled the immediate issue, but it set the direction for the congregation’s stance towards “civil rights” issues that held fast all through the turmoil of the 1960’s.

The new education building was dedicated on May 27, 1966.<sup>4</sup> This was the occasion of great rejoicing. The people toured the building, marveling at the spacious classrooms. Refreshments were served in the cavernous fellowship hall.

Hartley Hall had little time to enjoy the new office decorated especially for him. In July 1966 he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, Texas. Hartley and Ann and their children (like the McKees, they had added one child, in both cases an only son, while living in Lenoir) departed for Texas.

## CHAPTER 10

### PRESSING ON

 longer interim period followed the departure of the Halls than that between Archie and Hartley. During this time the church was well served by Onnie Bailey and by Dr. McLean, who was always available to help out. Assistance was also provided in the beginning by William H. (Hal) Todd, Jr., a summer intern minister from Union Seminary. Before he returned to Union in September for his final year, Hal had a number of sermons under his belt, as well as some valuable experience as a pastor.

A prominent voice during this period was that of the clerk of session, Charles B. Pegram. Charlie had been elected clerk in November of 1962, succeeding Captain James Harper, who had served since the death of J. Harper Beall, Sr., in 1954. He was a newspaper reporter, noted for his use of the language. The session book contains many fine examples, letters and resolutions as well as minutes. One of the best of these is a letter of thanks to the Rev. Howard Wall of Buckingham, Virginia for preaching on July 17, 1967. The letter says in part:

The Session has great pride in your accomplishments, and you occupy a peculiar niche in the hearts of the Session and the Congregation not only for the fact that you are the only son of the congregation outside the Manse who has become a Minister of the Gospel, but also for your personal worth, your zeal, and your earnestness.

The Session takes joy in your continued progress, and wishes for you and your bride all of the worthwhile things of life.

Even though the church was without a minister, the leaders decided to press on with the building program. On January 16, 1967, the session was authorized to hire a fund-raising organization for another capital campaign, this time for the new sanctuary. The campaign, they stipulated, "should start before July 1, 1967, with a probable goal of \$230,000, to cover present indebtedness and the cost of the new sanctuary." On February 20, 1967, a three-year campaign was launched, with the goal set at \$250,000. The firm of Ketchum and Company was employed to help with the fund-raising. George L. Bernhardt was the chairman of the capital campaign. The building committee for the sanctuary was chaired by Jack Buss, assisted by Edwin George, L. D. Hines, and Milton Thompson. George Robbins served as treasurer for the building fund until July 10, 1967, when he was succeeded by J. T. Ennis.

During the interim period, the question of the rotation of elders again arose. A letter dated August 7, 1967 (after the new minister, Louis Zbinden, had been called but before he arrived), lifts the curtain slightly on the session's deliberations:

To:     Members of the Congregation  
          First Presbyterian Church

From: The Session

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina at its stated meeting held July 17, 1967, by common consent instructed the Clerk to notify the Congregation by mail of the following item:

"That the Congregation be made aware of the fact that the Session has given consideration to the matter of limiting the term of service by members of the Session through what is known as the rotary system;

"That the Congregation be made aware also that the Session has taken this action prior to the arrival of our new minister;



“That a recommendation permitting a congregational meeting for a vote on the question, if made by the Session, may be quite some time in the future.”

Charles B. Pegram  
Clerk of Session

The “quite some time” was of short duration. The minutes of March 18, 1968, report a motion that the rotary system be put to a vote by the congregation, and that the moderator appoint a committee “to explore the pro’s and con’s of a rotation system.” The motion carried unanimously.

On June 18, 1967, the congregation extended a call to Louis H. Zbinden, Jr., to become our pastor. Louis, another graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, had been serving the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church in Fort Defiance, Virginia. He did not arrive in Lenoir until late August because of several commitments, one being to serve as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in July.


Before Louis’ arrival, the church had what is referred to in the church bulletin of July 2, 1967, as a “momentous occasion.” Otherwise known even to this day as “Big Sunday,” this was an almost impromptu homecoming brought on by the fact that the two most recent ministers, Archie McKee and Hartley Hall, happened to be in town on this weekend (Hartley had come to officiate at the wedding of Betsy Beall and Bob Gordon the day before); and Dr. McLean willingly, as always, came down from Montreat to complete the trio. The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was observed, and a bumper crop of new members were received—the members of the 1967 communicants’ class. They were: Pamela Lee Bailey, James Michael George, Maury Worth Good, Leslie Darrell Hines III, Mary Belinda Hoffman, Ronald Dean Lipe, Laura Kellogg Lockwood, Meredith Ann McCallum, James Malcolm McCarl, Jr., Robert Gordon Moore III, John Cecil Scroggs, Jr.; and Sara Anne Thompson. The baptisms were also numerous: in addition to Mary Belinda Hoffman and Meredith Ann McCallum from the

communicants' class, the sacrament was administered to Michael David Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Beal; Timothy Charles Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troutman; James Harper Beall IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harper Beall III; Frances Eleanor Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Harper, Jr.; and Susan Kennerly Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevens.

The worship service was followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. It was a joyous time, a celebration of both the past and the future.

## CHAPTER 11

### “WHAT MEAN THESE STONES?”

 he relatively brief (three and a half years) pastorate of Louis Zbinden made up in intensity what it lacked in length. Louis was eager not only to preach the Gospel but also to lead the church into service to the community. As soon as he and his wife Katherine (Kip) and their three children had settled into the Manse, he began the study of what needs were most pressing and how the church could help.

Suspecting that one of these needs was for affordable day care, Louis and several church members conducted a house-to-house canvass of low-income areas. Their study revealed that there was indeed a crying need, among poor working parents, for something better than makeshift child care arrangements. After considering several possibilities, the church joined with the neighboring First United Methodist Church to open the Good News Day Care Center in the former Methodist parsonage. There were almost no day care centers in Lenoir at that time; and this facility was a blessing for some parents concerned about adequate supervision for their children.

The church provided space on the lower floor of the old education building for the offices of the Foothills Mental Health Center, which opened February 2, 1970. The Women of the Church helped by acting as receptionists on clinic days and doing other supporting jobs.

The church also became a member of Yokefellow, which was organized in Caldwell County at this time. The Women of the Church gave the first \$100 contribution from the church. The church still supports Yokefellow; and some of our members volunteer their time at the food pantry or the clothes closet. Harriet Hailey, a member of our congregation, has served as executive director of Yokefellow since 1982.

Louis Zbinden was also concerned on a personal level with serving the community. After he had been in Lenoir a couple of years, he decided to run as an independent for the city school board. He won overwhelmingly—in fact, led the ticket. This prompted a powerful local politician and kingmaker to remark, “I can beat the Democrats but I can’t beat the Presbyterians.”

Meanwhile, the congregation was gearing up for the coming of the new sanctuary. Many of the members were also steeling themselves against the grief of losing the old building. On July 14, 1968, the last service was held. Charles B. Pegram, our clerk of session, reported the event in the *Lenoir News-Topic*:

“The bell which has beckoned worshippers to the First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir for a hundred and ten years will be silent for the next eighteen months.

And the organ which has lent beauty and solemnity to the worship service since 1949 will be stilled and stored until mid-1970.

Moreover, the final religious service in the sanctuary erected in 1903-04 will be held Sunday, July 14. On the following day workmen will begin the arduous task of razing the edifice which will be supplanted by a structure to cost a third of a million dollars.

Nostalgia doubtless will be heavy at the final service in the sanctuary where countless infants were given the Sacrament of Baptism, where several thousands have been received into the fellowship and communion of the congregation, where scores of marriages have been solemnized, and where the final rites have been spoken for hundreds of men, women and children.



The Rev. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr., minister, will preach the sermon in saying farewell to the memories in the hallowed hall. The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be administered."

The sermon Louis preached that day was entitled "What Mean These Stones?"—with text from Joshua 4: 1-7; 23, 24. It left with us the comforting thought that a church is, after all, a group of people more than it is a building.

For the next year and a half, far from being homeless, we worshipped in the fellowship hall. In this immense space there was plenty of room for the old pews. The old pulpit stood on a platform at the front, along with the font and the communion table. Indoor-outdoor carpeting was laid in the aisles, to cut down on the noise of footsteps on the terrazzo floor. There were rows of pews in the back corner for the choir, and even a rented electric organ—a sad substitute for our magnificent Aeolian-Skinner instrument, but an adequate temporary replacement.

Although these arrangements lacked the majesty of the old Victorian Gothic sanctuary, many enjoyed the informality and the homey atmosphere. Around this time, there began a general trend toward less formality in worship services, as well as more casual dress. When we moved to the fellowship hall, the women took off the hats they were accustomed to wearing to church. When we moved into the new sanctuary, they never put them back on (with two or three exceptions).

Meanwhile, the workers of Taylor Bros. Construction were hammering away and piling brick upon brick as the new sanctuary began to take shape. At the end of July, 1969, a year after the demolition of the old building, the town of Lenoir was mesmerized by the arrival of the new steeple, a porcelain structure all in one piece, which was brought in on a flatbed truck, followed like the Pied Piper by curious inhabitants. A large crowd gathered in the church parking lot to watch the steeple being hoisted. When it was finally in place, Louis had the men make a boatswain's chair to raise him so that he could bless the cross on the top. When he reached the cross, he could

see a sizable group of people coming, from the direction of the Baptist church, to see what was going on. From his perch high in the air he called down to his faithful secretary, Agnes Scroggs, “Agnes, bring the collection plates! The Baptists are coming!”<sup>1</sup>

During the fall of 1969, it was necessary to conduct another financial campaign to finish the job. This Completion Campaign, to raise \$340,000, was headed by Jim McCarl. On the day that the campaign was supposed to end, he was still working during the Sunday school hour and the worship hour, soliciting tardy pledges by telephone and tallying the totals. When he interrupted the worship service to announce that the campaign was over the top, the general jubilation was expressed by Mrs. Madeline Martinat, a longtime member, who jumped up, threw her hands into the air and cried “Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!”

Finally, the construction was nearing an end. However, there was uncertainty as to when the sanctuary would actually be ready. On Sunday, December 21, only a few of the worshippers who gathered in the fellowship hall knew that this would be the day. When they saw that the minister and the choir were wearing their robes (a rare occurrence during the months in the fellowship hall) they realized that something was up. Louis gave instructions for moving, we gathered up our hymnbooks and processed into the sanctuary singing a Christmas hymn.

Three days later came the first Christmas Eve service in the new church. This was held in the early evening, beginning a tradition which endures to this day.

The new sanctuary, as we have said, was in the Colonial style, built of red brick and with arched windows with rippled glass. (Though some missed the old stained glass windows, the new windows were lovely also.) In the chancel were an elevated pulpit on the left, a baptismal font on the right, and, stretching between them, a long communion table. The dominant feature of the room was the immense wooden Celtic cross rising behind the communion table. This cross has caused many exclamations from visitors to the church—and rightly so, for it reminds us all why we are here.

April 12, 1970, was the high holy day set aside for the dedication of the sanctuary. All of the living former ministers—Dr. McLean, Archie McKee, and Hartley Hall—were present and took part in the worship service, along with Louis Zbinden, Onnie Bailey, and Arthur Jensen, a ministerial student from Union Seminary serving a year-long internship. Hartley Hall preached the sermon, entitled “Christian Legacies.” The Children’s Choir, under the direction of Barbara Baker, sang “Thanks Be To Thee,” by Handel; and the adult choir, directed by George Kirsten, sang “Now Thank We All Our God.” “Bless This House” was the selection of the famed Presbyterian Men’s Quartet, composed of George Kirsten, Lynn Bernhardt, Harper Beall, Jr., and Fred Long. All these groups were accompanied by the organist, Jean Bernhardt, who also enhanced the worship service with her prelude and postlude. A brass quartet from Hibriten High School supported the lusty singing of “Crown Him With Many Crowns” and “The Church’s One Foundation.”

In the bulletin for the service, deep gratitude was expressed to the architects, Harold Hartley and Zane Thompson; to Taylor Construction Company, especially Clyde Taylor and Sanford Hendrix, and to the chairman of the building committee, Jack Buss.

At four o’clock that afternoon, an organ recital was given by William Self, organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City—the same William Self who had given the dedicatory recital for the organ in 1949. One of the pieces he played this day was *Magnificat*, by Jean Langlais, a French organist and composer who had dedicated this piece to William Self.<sup>2</sup>

With the new church finished, other matters needed attention. On April 5, 1970, one week before the dedication of the sanctuary, the long-awaited congregational vote on the rotation of elders was taken. This time it passed, with 135 voting yes and 25 voting no. In the fall of 1970 came the first election under the new system. At this time something else was new: women were now eligible to be ordained officers. Dr. Jane Carswell, our first woman elder, was elected in 1970; and two


women, Sarah Lackey and Kathleen Hendrix, were elected to the diaconate. A few years later, Betty Brown became the first woman chairman of the board of deacons; and still later, in 1999, Lucy McCarl became the first woman clerk of session.

About the middle of 1970 alert members began to be suspicious of some unfamiliar faces in the congregation on Sunday mornings—with justification, as it turned out. Louis Zbinden had attracted the attention of a number of pastor nominating committees; it was no longer possible to keep him hidden from the larger church. The most persistent group came from the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas. After being turned down twice, they finally succeeded, on the third attempt, in convincing Louis that God was really calling him to San Antonio. On February 7, 1971, the congregation voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship, with one dissenting vote.<sup>3</sup> Others would have liked to dissent also, but such a thing was unheard of up until this time.



## CHAPTER 12

### KEEPERS OF THE FLAME

hortly before Louis departed for San Antonio, a race riot threw the town of Lenoir into turmoil. It started with black and white high school students. Since Louis had a good rapport with young people, black and white, he played a significant role in calming things down. He spent many hours, in the midst of winding up his church business and saying his farewells, talking to troubled people and mediating disputes.

Several months after Louis left, some members of the congregation took up the responsibility for improving race relations. The Bi-Racial Group of Concerned Christians began to meet once a month at the Presbyterian Church to discuss problems and needs and to try to find solutions. The instigator of this forum was Dr. Jane Carswell, who knew many black people as patients as well as friends. By Christmas of that year (1971) blacks and whites were feeling comfortable enough with one another to join in a Christmas celebration with hymn singing and performances by various church choirs and singing groups. The Christmas Celebration, held in a different (but always packed) church every year, has become a tradition. Now, with the addition of Hispanics and Asians, it is called the Interracial Christmas Celebration.

Another event which had been in the planning stages before Louis left was a Lay Renewal weekend. A team of dedicated Christian leaders from various localities in western

North Carolina came to work with the congregation, in small groups, to find ways to increase faith and vitality in the church. The meeting began on a Friday evening in March and continued through Saturday and Sunday, generating great enthusiasm and raising the morale of the bereft congregation.<sup>1</sup>

With Louis gone, the spiritual leadership of the church devolved on Leonard Pierce, the second of the year-long interns from Union Seminary. Len had come all the way from New Zealand to attend the seminary. He came to Lenoir to spend a year between his second and third years as an intern minister at the church. Already a gifted preacher, he related well to persons of all ages and developed into a good pastor during his stay in Lenoir. Nevertheless, the departure of Louis in the middle of his year left him with some insecurity. A couple of weeks into his experience as a solo pastor, he had to officiate at a funeral—his first. “I was scared out of my skull,” he confided later.

A fellow student from the seminary, Bob Oltman, was serving as an intern at a three-church field in the mountains near Banner Elk. Bob’s internship being for only nine months rather than twelve, he was free at the end of May; and the session invited him to come to Lenoir to help Len through the summer. Len had been living at the home of Miss Margaret Harper next door to the church. Upon the arrival of Bob, the two scrounged a few pieces of furniture and created a bachelor pad in the empty Manse. Hair-raising stories circulated about their cooking and housekeeping habits; but they survived until time to go back to Union in September.

## CHAPTER 13

# “WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH AN OLD HOTEL?”

**B**y this time, having lost two ministers to Texas, the congregation was feeling somewhat paranoid about that state. Therefore they welcomed, in November 1971, the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Dr. Donald Lackey, chairman of the committee, told the congregation, “We have an opportunity to check the southern migration of ministers from this church.” The committee’s selection, this time coming north, was Parker T. Williamson, pastor of the Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church of Lutz, Florida, near Tampa.

Parker Williamson, like his predecessors, was a product of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. After graduation from Union, he served a summer as interim minister at a large church in New Orleans (a work which he described as a “holding operation”) before going on to Yale for a graduate degree and then to his position at Tims Memorial. When he preached his first sermon in Lenoir on New Year’s Day 1972, he was ready to take up the torch laid down by Louis Zbinden.

The first order of business was to get to know the members of the church, particularly those who were in need of pastoral care. The next priority was to recognize needs in the community and ways in which the church could help.

The recently formed Bi-Racial Committee of Concerned

Christians was still meeting monthly and opening avenues of communication between blacks and whites. Parker met with the group; together they sifted through the problems and determined that there existed a crying need for decent low-cost housing. Many people, black and white but predominantly black, were living in sub-standard hovels or mobile homes because they could not afford anything better.

This task was too big for the church to handle alone. A separate corporation, the Caldwell Community Development Corporation, was formed. This group sought government assistance in the form of a loan from the Farmers Home Administration, and spent many hours driving around the county looking for suitable land on which to locate the housing project. The place selected was in a hilly area beyond the Dulatown community, with a splendid view of the mountains. The land was partially wooded, with the only buildings being a couple of dilapidated shacks which were removed one Saturday by a gleeful group of men and young people from the church.

Finally, after some false starts and miles of red tape, Town and Country Park, an integrated housing community, was created. By September 1975, 149 finished lots for low-cost housing were ready for sale.

The Caldwell Community Development Corporation had an office in a big classroom on the second floor of the church's education building. Barbara Baker joined the church staff as part-time coordinator for Town and Country Park.<sup>1</sup>

As soon as he had settled in, Parker realized that, in order to keep all the church programs running, he would need some help. For the summer of 1972, Roger Williamson, Parker's brother, came up from Texas, where he was a ministerial student at Austin Seminary, to help with youth work and other duties as needed. At the same time, the session began consideration of what kind of permanent help would be best, finally deciding on an associate minister. In his search for the right person to fill this position, Parker naturally visited Union Seminary and interviewed Richard Neelly, who would be available the first



of the year following his graduation in December. Dick and his wife Sue visited Lenoir, where they and the search committee determined that Dick and the church would be a good fit. A call was issued November 12, 1972; and in January Dick and Sue arrived to make their home in Lenoir. Dick has happy memories of his time here:

When I think about my years at the church, 1973-77, I remember James Bernhardt and Andy Hines helping me unload the rental truck, in which we moved our furniture from seminary. It was in the snow. I remember Lucy Richmond McCarl, Susan Scroggs, Don and Susan Baker, Jane Bernhardt, Ginny Lackey, among others who were junior high youth greeting me and wondering who this “new” person was. I remember overnight campouts with them and others at Camp Grier. I can remember planting pine saplings behind the dining hall. Also, there were fun “family camps” there in the springtime of the year. I recall seeing Billy Graham at the Montreat Church one Sunday, when Jane Carswell and I were accompanying the youth group for a weekend retreat. The youth saw him and called his attendance to our attention. Seems to me, that was the same weekend I broke my glasses, while skating at the rink below the gym. I remember a used school bus that the church bought, having it painted a “soft” green, and being dubbed “the Holy Roller” by the youth. I drove a group of youth in it to the “Rock Eagle” youth mission conference in Rock Eagle, Georgia, one spring, a fun trip . . . and no vehicle problems! Whew!

I remember Sunday school classes all over the buildings. One that I taught was “underneath” the sanctuary, when it was largely just a basement. Seems like we were studying an old Covenant Life curriculum book “From Bondage To Freedom.” I remember Captain Harper playing his flute in the balcony with the choir on Sundays. I remember a special Communion service

on Christmas Eve, when everyone came to the table, a dozen or so at a time, to receive the elements. The table was covered with a quilt, that was composed of squares from the families and individuals in the church at that time. I wonder what ever happened to that quilt. I recall a father giving his little son, in arms, the elements of Communion and rejoicing, even though that was before the debate on allowing children to take communion was settled in our constitution.

I recall the excitement of the committees that were involved in community projects, like the bi-racial housing project, the annual bi-racial Christmas party (and how the Dulas were leaders, along with Jane Carswell and others), the retirement home, the senior citizens meal program, and others.

I remember dear friends, who helped me begin to learn how to be a pastor. The years in the Lenoir church will be a happy memory for me always. It was a privilege to be a part of the congregation for the four years that Sue and I were among you. Beth was born at Caldwell Memorial Hospital, during that period, so our family was forming in your midst, too.

When the new education building was completed in 1965, the church officers had made a conscious decision that full use of the facilities should be made, not only on Sunday but also through the week. The Caldwell Community Development Corporation office was one manifestation of this policy. In 1973 and 1974 a population explosion occurred in the fellowship hall. In the fall of 1973, the church officers had a request from the local Head Start program, which had lost its home in another church and asked if we might be able to house them. After much debate and serious discussion of the pro's and con's of such an arrangement, it was decided that the vast space of the fellowship hall could be converted into a Head Start facility. Movable partitions defined the classrooms, and the adjoining kitchen was made available for meal preparations.

Just as the Head Start children and teachers were settling in, the church officers became interested in a new program sponsored by Blue Ridge Community Action, called the Nutrition Program For the Elderly. This program was designed to help isolated elderly people who would benefit from nourishing meals and fellowship with others similarly situated. After the session voted to support the Nutrition Program in January 1974, our church was one of several sites throughout the county where these persons met five days a week for lunch and some sort of program or group activity. Meals-on-Wheels was also a part of this; some of the church members, as well as people from other churches, came in daily to pick up lunches prepared in our kitchen and carry them out to homebound elderly all over the county.

Now the church fellowship hall and kitchen were bursting at the seams. The two groups co-existed satisfactorily, however. Some members of the congregation were heard to express wistfully the wish that we could have our fellowship hall back; on the plus side was the argument that at least we had an excuse for not hosting large groups such as presbytery meetings during the week.<sup>2</sup>

Not everyone in the congregation was enthusiastic about serving the community. One day an irate member visited Parker and expressed a dissenting view. "We have to get away from all this social action and get back to the Bible," he complained. When Parker reminded him that Jesus had fed the multitudes, his retort was "Yes, but he shouldn't have done it!"

In June of 1974 the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was given office space in a large classroom on the second floor of the building. They remained there for several years until they moved to new/old quarters in the restored Jesse Rankin log house, reputedly the oldest house in Lenoir.

The church officers were astonished in September 1975 to receive a gift from a local physician and philanthropist, Dr. Verne Blackwelder. Dr. Blackwelder was not a Presbyterian, but he was aware of the church's reputation for serving the community. He was the owner of an old hotel, the Carlheim



Hotel, which he needed to get rid of; and he felt that the Presbyterians would know how to make good use of it.

The Carlheim Hotel had begun life in 1898 as a hospital. The doctor who owned it had gone bankrupt and had sold it to some people who converted it into a hotel. In its heyday the Carlheim was quite ritzy, being a favorite stopping place for people on their way to Blowing Rock when the trip up the mountain was a two-day affair. But in its later years it had degenerated into little more than a flophouse.

Dr. Blackwelder was right about the Presbyterians. They did indeed know what to do with the hotel. For several years, since the arrival of Parker, they had been discussing the need for a retirement home for senior citizens in Lenoir. Now Dr. Blackwelder's gift seemed to point the way. However, the road to the fulfillment of the dream was circuitous and replete with potholes.

The first off-the-top-of-the-head idea was simply to use the old building, with some modifications. But it soon became obvious that we could not fund the project without help from the government. This meant that the hotel could not possibly conform to the building codes imposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It would have to be taken down and the retirement home started from scratch.

In April 1976 the church's application for 2.5 million dollars for an apartment hotel for seniors was approved by HUD. In June a work party reminiscent of the one that had dismantled the shacks at Town and Country Park descended on the old hotel to move furniture from the upper floors of the Carlheim to the lobby. When this was done, a yard sale netted nearly \$5,000 to be applied to architect's fees and start-up costs.<sup>3</sup>

After everything was cleared out, the building was taken down and the new apartment hotel begun, although not immediately because of the red tape which had to be circumvented. Finally, the groundbreaking for the building was held on December 18, 1977.

The name chosen for the facility was Koinonia, from a



Greek word meaning a community of persons bound together by Christian love and concern for each other and all others.

In the October 1976 edition of *The Steeple*, the church newsletter, an anonymous poem appeared. Though the poem will never make any anthology of the 100 greatest poems of anywhere, it is a good expression of the mission of Koinonia:

What can you do with an old hotel?  
How can you fix a used hostel?  
Now the answer we can tell:  
The wrecking ball will sound its knell.

Though giving it up is hard to face,  
Good things for the future will grow in its place,  
And from the ashes of Carlheim's past  
Will rise new hope which for decades shall last.

For the Carlheim had a mere eighty-year history  
While God's plan extends in infinity,  
And His charge to us in this time and place  
Is "feed the hungry" of every race.  
Feed their bodies, their minds and their soul,  
Witness for Christ to the young and the old.

So now we embark on a thrilling new quest  
To respond to His calling however seems best.  
Where a place for strangers and transients stood  
Shall live Koinonia, showing God's love is good.

Meanwhile, another kind of construction was going on next to the church. When Dr. McLean died in February 1976, he left the church some money which, combined with many memorials given by friends, made possible the McLean Memorial Garden. Steve Barden, Dr. McLean's son-in-law was a landscape architect. He laid out the garden on some property donated by Miss Margaret Harper just beyond the church cemetery; and it was lovingly planted and tended by garden enthusiasts from the church. In the center of the plot was a round white wooden gazebo with a brick floor with, in its center, a commemorative

plaque. The garden is used for Easter sunrise services every year. It has also been used for weddings and other small services.

In June 1976, Jean Bernhardt resigned as organist for the first time. (As we have seen, she returned to her post a year later and played for another ten years.) She was recognized during worship for her faithful service. But the words used by Parker at this time are lost to us now. We will have to fall back on an earlier tribute from the pen of Charlie Pegram:

Dear Jean,

The strains of harmonious sounds emanating from more than a hundred pipes activated by your skilled hands operating over an expansive console in a practical display of your talent and experience are greatly appreciated by the entire congregation of your church. Your participation in all services of worship has added greatly to the meaningfulness of the Sunday services, the joyfulness of wedding scenes, and the solace of those who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death.

Then, in February 1977, the congregation said good-bye to Dick and Sue Neelly, who departed for Arkansas, where Dick was to join a presbytery staff as a professional working with family ministries.

As sad as it was to let them go, we were confronted with the hard fact that the work Dick had been doing was still there and we needed to find someone else to do it as soon as possible. The timing was good, for seminary graduates would be available in May. Again Parker visited Union Seminary in Richmond; this time he found Moffett Swaim, the top student in the graduating class. Moffett was something still rather unusual for church pastors. She was a woman.

This had never been even considered by many members of the congregation. They were not sure how they felt about it. However, as soon as Moffett danced into our lives, with her open-hearted love for all, the fact that she was a woman was forgotten. The older people, the ones who had been the most doubtful, were cheered to see her lovely, smiling face beside a

hospital bed. The young people were galvanized by her energy and creativity.

Soon after Moffett arrived, she and Parker began having a midweek communion service. The group (much smaller than the Sunday congregation) would meet around the communion table every Wednesday at noon to hear a short homily by one of the ministers, receive the elements, and remember in intercessory prayer all those who were ill or grieving. For the first years this service was held in the sanctuary; now the chapel is used. This enduring custom has been meaningful for many people for many years.

In November after Moffett had arrived in June 1977, she took the senior high fellowship to Camp Grier for a weekend retreat. This adventure is described in the December 1977 issue of *The Steeple*:

Those of us who are devotees of Camp Grier know that the rain clouds above that mountainous retreat are fuller and heavier than anywhere else in North Carolina. When we go there for a family camp weekend, we go fully expecting that there will be non-stop showers for at least one of our two days there.

The climax of this facet of our experience of Camp Grier occurred the first weekend of November. Our senior high fellowship, along with some groups from a couple of other churches, were having a retreat. Things were going along about as they usually do at a retreat until, in the wee hours of Sunday morning, our young people found themselves in the middle of an adventure. The grounds keeper came to announce that the swollen creek had carried away two bridges. How could the cars get out of camp? How, in fact, could the people get out, and back to Lenoir?

There followed then a period of inspecting the damage and making plans. Finally, in the afternoon, the senior highs and their advisers hiked out of camp over a mountainous route and from the highway caught

a bus which took them to Morganton, where they were met and brought home in car pools. The cars they had driven to camp, and some of their belongings, had to be left behind.

"The young people were wonderful!" said Moffett after getting home. What had begun as a simple retreat had ended with an extra lesson, through an act of God, in fellowship, love, and dependence on one another.

Just after the turn of the year, in February 1978, a small, squat, flat-roofed building was under construction on North Main Street across from the site of Koinonia. This was the Koinonia Central Kitchen facility. It was simply a kitchen where several hundred meals could be prepared each day to be served in the retirement community, to the children in our day care centers (Head Start and the Good News Day Care Center), to home-bound adults served by Meals-on-Wheels, and to the older adults who came to the various nutrition sites in the area. It was felt that significant cost savings would result from preparing meals for these different food services under one roof with one staff, supplied by volume purchases.

"After a six-month construction period," Parker wrote in *The Steeple*, "the First Presbyterian Church kitchen will retire from the food preparation business, dollars which Christian people in our community donate for hungry people will stretch to new levels of buying power, and a strong support system for all of our ministries will be born."

This operation was the forerunner of the Lenoir Soup Kitchen, now located at College Avenue Baptist Church. This ministry is still supported by our church, and several church members volunteer their time there.

In April of that year, the Caldwell Shelter Home for battered women opened. It began in a house next to Blackwelder Hospital; several years later it moved to a new building on Scroggs Street, adjoining the back side of the church property. The congregation has been interested in the Shelter Home from the beginning, and has helped financially and by supplying volunteers to do



various jobs such as keeping the front desk, answering the hot line, and baby-sitting for the women when necessary.

In May the Women of the Church held their annual Birthday Party, with the offering designated for Mexican-American Presbyterian ministers in Texas and for St. Columba Ministries in Norfolk, Virginia, to improve day care and recreational facilities in a run-down housing development. Mrs. Dorothy Haymaker was the recipient of the women's service award for this year. It was noted that a group of the women who had been conducting a ministry at Broughton Hospital had received a letter of thanks from Governor Jim Hunt. This ministry, now discontinued, had been ongoing for many years. The group, led first by Mrs. Louise Moore and then by Mrs. Virginia Kirsten, visited a ward at the hospital once a month, providing devotionals, music, refreshments and fellowship.

On October 15, 1978, the congregation approved the sale of the Manse on Poplar Street to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McGimsey for \$67,100. The money from the sale would be placed in an endowment, with the interest going toward a housing allowance for the minister. Parker and Hannah had found some land just outside town on the Taylorsville Road, where they wished to build their own home. More and more Presbyterian ministers were arranging their own housing by this time, feeling the need to have some equity when the time came to move to another community.

The senior highs began their fall program in a refurbished Youth Building. For years they had shared the building with a kindergarten operated by Mrs. Vera Mitchum. Mrs. Mitchum, a beloved teacher, had had a huge influence on the children of Lenoir, Presbyterians and Methodists and Baptists and Episcopalians alike. Though it was sad to see her go, the senior highs were happy with their "new" quarters.

Finally, in August 1979, the Koinonia building was finished. The senior citizens began to move in and occupy the 82 efficiency apartments. The facility has been full, with a waiting list, since its opening. Pat Hodge, a member of our church, became the first executive director and served until the fall of 2001.

A dedication ceremony was held October 14, 1979. Following a short service in the spacious lobby, those who attended were able to tour the facility and view the living quarters.

Koinonia was sponsored by three Presbyterian churches in Lenoir—First, Fairview, and United. What can you do with an old hotel? The Presbyterians had the answer.

## CHAPTER 14

### HELLOS AND GOODBYES

**I**n May 1980, Moffett Swaim resigned to return to Union Seminary as dean of students. Again Parker began the process of searching for an associate minister. Finally he and the session decided that two positions, an associate minister and a director of Christian education, would be even better than one. Parker had found just the right persons to fill these positions. In December Jeff and Anne Lowrance arrived.

Jeff and Anne, from Union Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education respectively, had been serving in the mountain counties just north of Lenoir. Jeff had a pastorate in Lansing, in Ashe County; Anne was D.C.E. at First Presbyterian Church in Boone. They were glad to be working as a team now, and we were glad to have them.

Both were good teachers, providing inspiring leadership for the youth groups. In addition to the regular youth meetings, they instigated trips to Washington, D.C., for the senior highs, where the group worked in urban ministries for several days. Workcamps in Lansing were also featured; there the young people did repairs on homes of elderly people and provided other services that the people were unable to do for themselves. A Christmas tradition was born when a group from the church began to visit Mount Rodgers School, a remote school in a poverty-stricken area, bringing Christmas treats, gifts, and even Santa Claus!

Jeff's sense of humor, he quickly realized, was quite

compatible with the Lenoir brand. He had a knack for getting himself into interesting situations. Here is his account of one of these:

In December a year ago I had never heard of Willard, the town eccentric renowned for his public appearances in various costumes. My first encounter with him occurred one cold day as I walked on Boundary Street toward the church. As an early Christmas gift Anne had given me a tweed jacket with elbow patches, and I had it on. I was also wearing the rest of my winter "uniform": a clerical collar, scarf, and cap. Suddenly from around the corner of a building a figure almost ran into me. He was dressed very formally in black and white; he even had on a cape. (I later discovered that this was Willard in his Dracula outfit.) When we both recovered from the initial shock of our near collision, Willard must have read the bemusement on my face. As we walked away from each other, he said to me in very complimentary tones, "Hey. *Nice* outfit you got there."

Another anonymous poem in *The Steeple* commemorates an episode involving Jeff and the sanctuary Christmas tree:

'Twas the month before Christmas  
 And all through the church  
 All the creatures were scurrying  
 As the tree fell with a lurch.  
 George, Larry, Steve, John, Jim, Bob and all of that  
 heft  
 Couldn't keep it from falling and squashing poor Jeff.  
 Then up in the attic Nancy called, her voice full of  
 fear,  
 "What happened down there, we can't see from up  
 here?"  
 When Jeff was pulled out from under the tree  
 There was blood on his scalp for all there to see.  
 Then George rushed Jeff off to his office, his head  
 to repair,



And sewed him all up without removing a hair.  
And as he sped off with Anne into the night  
We heard him thank you for sparing his life.

June 1981 saw the beginning of another major ministry in which the church was involved. The previous year a talk given at a family night supper by Catherine Respess, a nurse and member of the congregation, had created much interest in the Hospice program. A community-wide steering committee was organized; then the session of our church offered free office space and \$1,000 to help with start-up costs. The Lenoir Service League gave another thousand dollars; a board of directors was chosen; and a part-time staff member, a nurse, was hired. In all this activity, Parker was a moving force. He was elected president of the board of Hospice and, at this writing, is still serving as president.

The Hospice office remained on the second floor of the church's education building until 1985, when it moved to the large house next door to the church. This house, named Kirkwood, had been the home of the church's first pastor, the Rev. Jesse Rankin. It had been willed to the church by Miss Margaret Harper, his great-granddaughter, upon her death in November 1984. The church now leased the property to Hospice for a dollar a year. Parker's column in the January, 1985 issue of *The Steeple* is enlightening about both Miss Margaret and Hospice:

A computer wouldn't know what to do with Margaret Harper. Any attempt to box her into some pre-programmed category would surely blow a fuse. A devotee of Scripture's King James Version (none other would do) she made the most modern theologian appear archaic. Margaret Harper comfortably encompassed life's extremes. She made room within her mind for each to have its due.

So it was that in Miss Margaret we saw something old, something new. She fought to preserve the best of our past while she welcomed innovation. In Margaret

Harper past and future became one.

Her Kirkwood gift is best understood in that light. Kirkwood represents roots which anchor themselves in the beginnings of First Presbyterian Church. It was the home of our first minister, the Reverend Mr. Jesse Rankin.

While preserving that portion of our heritage Kirkwood is destined to do something new. Hospice care represents a new wave on the sea of medical science, an intimate, "high touch" approach in the midst of an exacting, "high tech" environment. Hospice commands a leading edge in health care innovation.

Something old, something new: Margaret Harper's Kirkwood stands at that crossroads. In her gift we can know the best of two time zones, and her colorful love affair with life will live on.

The old house was now the headquarters for an expanding staff of nurses, counselors and clerical workers. Volunteers were trained to go out with the nurses to minister to the patients in their homes. It was the dream of Hospice workers to have an in-patient facility where the terminally ill could have an alternative to hospital treatment, or simply go for awhile for respite care.

The Lenoir Service League donated the profits from a Follies show to the designated cause of "A Home For Hospice." Other organizations, including First Presbyterian Church, contributed to the effort. Finally, a brand new six-bed facility with comfortable home-like rooms was constructed at the rear of the old house. A dedication ceremony was held on January 15, 1989. Kirkwood became the first in-patient Hospice facility in North Carolina.

In June 1983, Parker was a commissioner to the uniting General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The "northern" and the "southern" branches of the Presbyterian Church had finally reached agreement; and the proposal to reunite had been passed by both denominations, 122 years after the War Between the States had severed the bonds.

A month later, in July, the congregation was shaken by the

breakup of the Williamson marriage. The session went on record in support of Parker, upholding his ministry here. In an outpouring of love, the congregation cared for Parker and the three children, who remained with him.

Another "Big Sunday" occurred June 17, 1984. Louis Zbinden was the preacher this time. Hartley Hall, now president of Union Seminary, and Moffett Swaim, now Moffett Churn, were also present. A covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall followed the morning worship. This time there was an added enticement in the form of an ice cream supper on Saturday evening, followed by square dancing and a slide presentation on the history of the church prepared by Parker.

In the March, 1985, issue of *The Steeple*, Jeff Lowrance wrote about another important event in the life of the church:

All eyes focused on the young man at the end of the table. With a disarming blend of hesitation and confidence he made an announcement. God, he felt, wanted him to be a minister. In reaction a few pairs of eyes welled with tears. One of the elders at the table reminisced about the young man's earlier years. When he was a teenager, she had been an advisor to his youth group. He had been quite a mischief-maker, so in no earthly way could she have foreseen this announcement. It moved her to tears.

That was one of the most touching scenes from my ministry here in Lenoir. It happened in our church library at a session meeting. Our own James Bernhardt made official his intention of entering seminary in hopes of becoming a Presbyterian minister. He is now well into his first year at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is very excited about the training he is receiving. There is a chance that he may work as a student minister within our own presbytery this summer.

James Bernhardt loves this church. He feels that he has been loved by this congregation. He attributes his path to the ministry to people like that youth advisor

whom I mentioned earlier. When he was baptized as an infant, we the church, promised to “undertake responsibility for the Christian nurture of this child.” James is grateful for that nurture.<sup>1</sup>

In February, 1985, the congregation again experienced the excitement of their pastor’s wedding (this had not happened since 1911, with the Rev. Charles T. Squires) when Parker and Patricia Jordan were married. Patty had been a member of the church as a teen-ager, but her family had moved away from Lenoir, and she now lived in Washington, D.C. She happily relinquished big-city life to come to Lenoir and assume the role of minister’s wife, with all its joys and attendant complications.

The Women of the Church went into a flurry of activity. The fellowship hall was transformed into a festive, if not elegant, reception hall. The flower-bedecked tables were covered with party food. Later, when it was all over, this note appeared in *The Steeple*:

To those who coated walls and garnished posts . . .  
Who spread Orientals upon terrazzo . . .  
Who sounded the dulcimer, flute, piano, and violin . . .  
Who graced tables with blossoms, silver and lace . . .  
Who stood in line on a sunny Sunday for a  
    handshake or a hug . . .  
Who filled our basket with wishes . . .  
Who gave to a newlywed travel fund . . .  
Who scrubbed a thousand dishes . . .  
For all the ways you welcomed our love with yours . . .  
We thank you.

Parker and Patty

Ever since the education building was completed in 1965, the older members of the congregation and those with physical disabilities had struggled with navigating long flights of stairs down to the fellowship hall or up to the top floor. In the fall of 1985 the problem was solved when Mrs. Jane Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, gave the church an elevator in



memory of her father, Asa L. Moore, and in honor of her mother, Louise S. Moore. In a resolution read during the morning worship service on October 27, the session offered “thanks to God for the faithful membership of Asa L. Moore and Louise S. Moore in this congregation, and for the generosity of their daughter, Mrs. Jane Johnson, whose affection for them and for the church is reflected in this gift.” Following the service, a brief dedication ceremony was held at the elevator by Parker and the church officers with Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Johnson.<sup>2</sup>

A series of special services was held in February 1986 featuring Peter Marshall, the son of the famous Scottish minister who inspired the Presbyterian church in the 1940’s. For three days, February 2, 3, and 4, Peter Marshall the son conducted evening worship services and morning Bible studies. A large number attended and experienced spiritual renewal at this time.

In September 1986 Jeff and Anne Lowrance said good-bye. Jeff had accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Tazewell, Virginia. In a graceful farewell, expressing thanks for their six years here, Jeff said:

I have some intuitions about that great parade of people who have marched through my life here. That parade was not happenstance. Nor is it hiking off into oblivion. It is part of a much greater whole, a great company of people who in their own bumbling and stumbling ways are moving ever closer toward God. As the individual strands of our lives criss-cross, they are woven together into a tapestry that will make beautiful sense someday (if there seems to be no sense to it today). And like the individual threads in a fabric, our lives are made stronger and more durable as they intersect with other lives, especially other lives which are caught up in Jesus Christ.

In more Biblical terms, it is my belief that Christ is the Lord of our hellos and our good-byes and everything in between. For those who are “in Christ” there is no such thing as a *final* good-bye. This trust is what helps

me counter-balance the pain of our parting. With a twinkle in my eye I have told some of you that we will meet again at that great banquet table in the Kingdom of God. Probably at the dessert end of the table, we'll run into each other as we both reach for the banana pudding. In an unguarded moment we will simultaneously exclaim, "Why, I never expected to see *you* here!"

Needless to say, the departure of Jeff and Anne left a tremendous hole. One big question was how to keep the Christian Education program humming as Anne had done. The answer was found by creating a new position: Director of Music and Education. This position was assumed by Dianne Graeber. Dianne had begun her association with the church in January 1985, when she became director of the children's and youth choirs. The next year, she took on the adult choir as well, when George Kirsten was unable to continue as director after heart bypass surgery. Dianne had teaching experience as well as musical gifts, and proved eminently suitable for the dual role. She is now in her sixteenth year of coordinating the Sunday school, writing curriculum for Vacation Bible School, directing all the choirs (including three handbell groups), and doing other tasks too numerous to mention, carrying a heavy work load with grace and creativity.

The congregation elected a committee to select an associate minister to take Jeff's place. The search went on until the next summer, culminating in the installation of Rebecca Taylor on August 23, 1987. Rebecca, a graduate of Columbia Seminary, had been out of seminary for several years, having served a church in northeast Georgia and, before that, as a staff person for a presbytery in Kansas. Her stay at First Presbyterian in Lenoir was brief and not very happy; she resigned as associate minister in January 1989.

Under the supervision of Dianne Graeber, the music program of the church thrived. In April 1987 (on Palm Sunday), just a few months after Dianne had assumed her fulltime position, the Chancel Choir presented John Rutter's

*Requiem*, a gorgeous but extremely difficult piece of music. A harpist and other instrumentalists were brought in to enhance the effect; but they could not come to any rehearsals before the Sunday morning of the performance. The rehearsal on the Wednesday night before the big day is still remembered by choir members who were there as “terrible.” And yet, on Sunday morning, it all came together. The singers, while remaining completely focused on the director, exchanged looks of wonderment out of the corners of their eyes, as if to say, “Can you believe it? Can you believe we are doing this?”<sup>3</sup>

In the summer of 1987, Jean Bernhardt felt it necessary to resign as organist for the second time. (“The *Requiem* wrecked me,” she explained.) She nevertheless remained as a member of the choir and has frequently substituted as organist since that time.

Jean’s replacement was Anne Starnes, who had served for fifteen years as organist and music director at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. At this writing she has been with us for fifteen years, and has made an enormous contribution to our worship services, with her considerable musical skills and inspired organ playing.

Anne Starnes had only a few months to enjoy the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ before it was dismantled and sent back to the factory for some repairs. These had been needed for some time; finally, enough money had been pledged (through a financial campaign chaired by the faithful Don Lackey) to get the work done. Also, when the organ was purchased in 1949, it was considered incomplete, in that the plan was to add some additional stops later. The new stops were provided by a memorial gift from the children of Captain James C. Harper; they were added at the same time that the repairs were made, providing more options for the organist and creating a more expressive instrument.

The organ was out of the sanctuary from just after Easter until Thanksgiving in 1988. During that time the baby grand piano in the sanctuary was used. Finally the organ was returned

and reinstalled. A dedication service was held April 16, 1989 at morning worship. At 3:00 that afternoon a recital was given by Dr. Davis Wortman, a native of North Carolina who had, like William Self, gone to New York to study music and make a career. An active organ recitalist, he was currently serving as interim director of music at the Congregational Church of Manhasset, New York.

In June 1989, Parker resigned his pastorate to become fulltime editor of *The Presbyterian Layman*. Seventeen years of service to the church and to the community were concluded with the realization that Caldwell County was indeed a better place to live because of Parker and the projects he had been instrumental in starting: Town and Country Park, Koinonia, Hospice and others.

On his last Sunday we said good-bye at a covered dish luncheon after the worship service, with gifts and a resolution of thanks for seventeen highly productive years. Then, after a vacation trip to England, Parker settled into his new position (the Williamsons remained in Lenoir), and the church fastened its seat belt for what turned out to be a bumpy ride.





**THE 1859 SANCTUARY**



**THE 1903 SANCTUARY**





**THE 1903 SANCTUARY INTERIOR**



**THE 1936 JUNIOR CHOIR**





**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS OF 1930**



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 1946**

**With Angels Barbara Foard, Lillian Fall, Janette McDade**





### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 1998**

**Standing (L to R): Brett Davis, Jenna Bowen, Natalie Stronach, Elizabeth Franzen, Blakely Mangum, Tim Mills**

**Seated (L to R): Garrett Fullam, Josh McMenemy, Emma Jane Hathcock, Douglas Terry, Adrianna Fullam, Mary-Emeline Dawson, Will Norment, Barrett Lail**





**DR. MCLEAN PRESIDES OVER DEDICATION  
OF 1969 SANCTUARY**

**Seated L to R: Louis Zbinden, Art Jensen, Archie McKee,  
Onnie Bailey, Hartley Hall, Jack Buss, Charles Pegram,  
Milton Thompson, Ed George, Sonny Hines**





**THE LORRAINE AND HARPER BEALL STUDY  
CENTER AT FAIRFIELD**



**CHURCH STAFF, 1988**

**L to R: Lee Carol Giduz, Dianne Graeber,  
Bootsie Creason, Parker Williamson, Agnes Scroggs,  
Anne Starnes, Martha Shanks**





### **RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION**

**L to R: Sarah Hedrick, Jonnie Robbins, Millie Williams,  
Sarah Bagley, Lorraine Beall, Jean Bernhardt.  
Baby: Jean Bernhardt VanNoppen.**





**THE SITE SEEKERS, C. 1996**

**L to R: Bill Stronach, Virginia Adams, Mimi Stronach,  
Dorothy Sudderth, Kathleen Hendrix, Ruth Bernhardt,  
Fletcher McNeil, Hazel Tamminga, Millie Williams,  
Ann Gibbons, Ferne Van Horn**





### **THE CHANCEL CHOIR, 1996**

**Top: Ed Schell, George Bernhardt, Sr., Will Smith,  
Tom Starnes, Jim Graeber, Steve Strange,  
George Bernhardt, Jr., Bill Tamminga**

**Middle: Katherine Bernhardt, Lavina Smith,  
Jennie Deal, Donna Belk, Bobbi Dooley,  
Betty Jo Schell, Jan Nash, Jean Bernhardt**

**Bottom: Dianne Graeber, Hazel Tamminga,  
Legh Beal, Tamra Vanderbloemen, Barbara Freiman,  
Lucy F. McCarl, Lucy R. McCarl, Anne Starnes**





## OFFICERS WALKING US THROUGH THE BIBLE, JANUARY 2000

L to R: Lewis Norman, Bob Mills, Bill Bair, David Husman



## 2001 ELDER CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

L to R: Lucy McCarl, Joyce White, Dottie Darsie,  
Betty Brown





YOUTH AT MONTREAT CONFERENCE,  
JUNE 2001

Back L to R: Gracelyn Cruden, Carrie Ross,  
Maggie Sime, Jacqueline Delk

Front L to R: Meredith Tye, Stephanie Nash,  
Taylor Danner, Leah Dawson





### **CHURCH STAFF, MARCH 2002**

**L to R: Gerrit Dawson, Anne Starnes, Bootsie Creason,  
Tommy Melton, Dianne Graeber, Nancy Cruden,  
Jonnie Laws (not pictured: Donald Lee)**



### **FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS IN THE RENOVATED FELLOWSHIP HALL, SPRING 2002**

**L to R: Thelma Hood, Bill Hood, Mary Lib Crews,  
Rose Reighard, George Reighard, Don Lackey,  
Jennie Hartley, Sam Hartley**



## CHAPTER 15

# TRIBULATIONS AND TRIUMPH



“Come To Our Annual Meeting!” says a notice in the September, 1989, *Steeple*. “Let’s get acquainted with Maynard Fountain, our Interim Minister, and his wife Lilian. Mark your calendars for September 17, 6:00 p.m. and plan on an evening of fellowship and fantastic food (covered dish). We will have an overview of this interesting year in the life of our church family.”

“Interesting year?” You’d better believe it!

Maynard Fountain, a retired minister, came down from his home in Montreat to serve the church as interim pastor. The church rented an apartment at Cedar Hills where Maynard lived for about half of each week, usually returning to Montreat after midweek communion on Wednesday and staying there until Saturday night or Sunday morning. The Fountains quickly became acquainted with the congregation and settled into a comfortable relationship with many new friends. Maynard took seriously his duties as interim minister—one of these being to prepare the church for a new permanent minister.

Things were going smoothly until a series of setbacks undermined our confidence. The first of these was Hurricane Hugo, the storm which surprised everybody by coming inland after leaving Charleston, hitting Charlotte, and tearing its way northwest until the eye settled directly over Lenoir. The damage was considerable, and the church had its share of downed trees. The roof of the sanctuary sprang a leak just above the baby grand piano. The quick

thinking of the sexton, Wade Howell, saved the piano when he hurriedly moved it from beneath the stream of water.

Just as the cleanup was completed, another, even more serious, disaster struck. On the night of Friday, October 13, someone saw flames in the windows of the middle building (the 1922 education building) and smoke pouring out. The fire department was quickly called and managed to keep the fire from spreading to the other two buildings. It was estimated that a delay of ten minutes more would have brought the fire into the sanctuary. The big Bible was open on the pulpit lectern; the exposed page was scorched.

Early Saturday morning, October 14, a forlorn little group stood in the courtyard and looked at the blackened windows, grieving and wondering whether the building could be repaired, or whether it should be taken down. Sympathy and concern were felt for the Foothills Mental Health Center, which had offices on the lower floor of the building and would need to find new quarters immediately.

Although almost certainly we were dealing with a case of arson (someone had thrown a sort of Molotov cocktail through a window into the basement floor), the police were never able to find definitive evidence enough to make an arrest. For a couple of nights after the fire, Wade Howell slept in the sanctuary to keep watch.

The other two buildings sustained smoke damage and other adverse effects such as malfunctioning computers. The greatest concern was for the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ, newly renovated and re-dedicated just a few short months earlier. The inner workings of such an instrument are both sensitive and mysterious. "Gremlins" can creep into the interior, causing notes to sound unexpectedly or at strange pitches—or not sound at all. It required months of painstaking work by George Payne, the organ builder, to get the organ back into good working order.

Maynard Fountain and the session set up a Rebuilding Committee to deal with the various aspects of the situation: (1) to develop long-range plans and assess the needs of the church for the next 25 years; (2) to establish immediate liaison with Foothills Mental Health Center to express concern and



support for them;(3) to work with an architect, select a contractor, and then oversee the actual construction; and (4) to review the financial aspects of the project.

After the turn of the year, the congregation pulled itself together and went on with the usual programs, ignoring the burned building as much as possible. For the Witness Season several guest speakers appeared, including Lilian Fountain, Maynard's wife, who was working with refugee resettlement for Church World Service. During Lent we held a series of Wednesday evening Bible studies given by Presbyterian ministers in the area, and were uplifted by the performance of a choral group from St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

A Van Fund was started and grew slowly until, a couple of years later, the much-needed vehicle became a reality.

Then, one Saturday evening in March, Jim McCarl, the clerk of session, received an urgent phone call from Maynard at his home in Montreat. He could not be in Lenoir for church the next morning. The following week the congregation received a letter from Maynard explaining everything:

Dear Friends,

I have often heard the saying, "we never know what a day will bring forth." Now I know the truth in those words, for when I left Lenoir on Thursday afternoon for my days off I never thought that I would not be with you in worship on Sunday.

During February when I had the "flu" I briefly blacked out and suffered a fall. I did not think much about it until recently but an MRI test on Friday proved that I had suffered a subdural hemorrhage which necessitates immediate surgery. For this reason it is necessary for me to offer my resignation as your interim pastor effective as of now.

How frustrating it is for me to not have a chance to complete duties and responsibilities before leaving Lenoir, or to have the opportunity to say "good-by" in person.

How grateful I am for the privilege to have been

able to serve you these last seven months as Interim. In some way I hope God will use my feeble efforts to bring glory to His church there in Lenoir. You are a great congregation with a bright future and we appreciate the way you have reached out in love to Lilian and me.

Our prayers will continue to be with you in these important and challenging days.

Yours in Christ,

Maynard Fountain

Maynard and Lilian were able to come, later in the spring when Maynard had somewhat recovered from his surgery, to say their good-byes in person. They were guests of honor at a covered dish luncheon following the morning worship service on May 6.

Since there were no immediate prospects for a permanent minister yet, the Reverend Russell Park was called to become interim minister effective June 1. Russell and his wife Becky belonged, like Maynard and Lilian, to the colony of retired ministers living in Montreat and Black Mountain. They came to Lenoir and occupied the apartment at Cedar Hills for about half of each week, then went home to Montreat for the other half. Russell, a native of South Carolina, was a graduate of Princeton Seminary and had done graduate study at the University of Edinburgh. He held pastorates in South and North Carolina before his retirement in 1987. Although he kept the church going in a well-organized manner, he had an easy and affirming personality which did much to heal the congregation after the traumas of the past year.

Meanwhile the Pastor Nominating Committee was hard at work, although unable to say much about what they were doing. An occasional note to the congregation appeared in *The Steeple*, pleading with them for patience and trying to explain why it was taking so long to get a minister. "We have received more than 100 personal information forms," they said, "and we have to look carefully at each one, so as not to overlook *the one*." Somewhere in that mounting pile of paper lurked the PIF of that special person destined for the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina.

The search involved travel almost every Sunday, sometimes beginning on Saturday afternoon depending on the distance to be covered. By the summer of 1990, Lucy McCarl, Betty Brown, Joyce White, George Bernhardt, Barry Spicer and Scott Ross had driven many miles, heard numerous sermons, and talked to several prospects, none of whom were pleasing to all the committee. Finally one candidate proved acceptable to everyone. With mounting excitement they invited him to come to Lenoir to see the church and settle the terms of his call. He did come to Lenoir; but after being entertained royally by the committee, he revealed that he had another call and was confronted with the need to decide between the two. His decision was delivered by registered mail a week later. It was not in our favor.

Russell Park rescued us from the doldrums this time:

As the summer comes to a close, I had expected to be heading back to Montreat to climb into my hammock; and you had expected to have a new pastor who would bring excitement and enthusiasm as First Presbyterian begins the programs of the fall. But in the providence of God, what we expected is not to be. And the excitement and enthusiasm to stir us out of the slackness of summer and thrust us with renewed vigor into the work of the fall will have to come through us.

And it can, if we will remember our promise “to serve Christ in the church by supporting and participating in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of our abilities.” Half-hearted support never provides a sufficient channel for the power of the Spirit to flow and create the quality of worship and work that excites and enthuses. Only our best will do. I promise to do my best in the “extended interim” and the Lord expects you also to keep your promise. Do not fail Him.”

One day, as the fall programs were cranking up at the church, Lucy McCarl, chairperson of the committee, received a PIF in the mail from the office of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. As she began to read the ordinary-looking white typed



paper, it became clear that something extraordinary was there.

Within a few days, the words on the paper were transformed into a voice at the other end of the telephone and, a little later, the same voice on a cassette tape preaching a sermon. Then, in mid-October, the voice became flesh and blood.

Gerrit Scott Dawson, associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware, visited the church and talked at length with the committee. Arrangements had been made for him to preach at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese. His sermon convinced the committee that he was indeed the one.

In the congregation at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church that day were many interested persons who knew why Gerrit was preaching there. Among these were his parents and his aunt, who had come down from their vacation retreat in the mountains to hear the sermon. After the service was over, Gerrit wanted to ride over to Lenoir for one more look at the church. When the committee arrived there, they found a car parked in front of the church. Investigation revealed that the occupants of the car were none other than Gerrit's relatives, who had gone into the church. There they had found Anne Starnes, the organist, who was preparing for a two o'clock funeral service. Anne gave them a glowing report on the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, after which they departed with a good feeling about Gerrit's future. Two weeks later, Gerrit made another visit to Lenoir, this time with his wife, Rhonda, and their three children.

This memorable occasion coincided with Halloween night. The children had brought their costumes. While the committee talked with Gerrit and Rhonda, two committee members' spouses, Jim McCarl and Bud Brown, took the children trick-or-treating. By the time the children had their bags filled with candy, the committee had struck a bargain with Gerrit and Rhonda. It was agreed that they would come in January.

Filled with elation that the long search was over, everyone gathered around the piano in the McCarl living room and sang "Amazing Grace."

## CHAPTER 16

# WE BUILD TO RENEW THE LIGHT



n the front page of the December 1990 issue of *The Steeple* we read an important announcement:

We celebrate in January, after we have cleared away the Christmas decorations, another coming, that of our new minister and his family. Gerrit Dawson will be at the church the last week of January and will preach his first sermon for us on January 27.

Gerrit Scott Dawson comes to us from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware. Gerrit grew up in Coral Gables, Florida, and attended Vanderbilt University where, in 1980, he earned a B.A. degree in English. From Vanderbilt he went to Princeton Seminary. During his time at Princeton he served as seminary intern for a year at the Westminster Church in Wilmington—a year which was so successful that the church called him after his graduation in 1984 to serve as Associate Pastor. He was ordained September 30, 1984, by New Castle Presbytery.

At the Wilmington church Gerrit has taken an active part in preaching and worship leadership and has had a ministry to persons from all age groups. He has developed a Sunday school program for primary age students called *Living Stories*, which teaches Bible stories through creative activities. A book, *Living Stories*:

*Creating Incarnational Bible Study for Children*, has been completed; he is now working on another book, *Heartfelt: The Compelling Quality of Christian Belief* ("though who knows," he says, "when I'll next be able to get to it") and an article for *Weavings* magazine on praying the Psalms.

The Dawson family now consists of Gerrit, his wife Rhonda (whom he met in high school), and three children, Micah, Leah, and Jacob. We welcome them to our church family, and we look forward to sharing with them in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir.<sup>1</sup>

Gerrit's installation as pastor took place on February 10, 1991, with the service at 4:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Once again, Jonnie Robbins and Evelyn Allen had worked their magic to transform that huge, unadorned area into an elegant reception hall. The women of the church provided tasty refreshments.

During the spring following the installation, the traditional activities went on. The Lenten Bible studies, with visiting guest ministers and a light supper preceding, were continued. A marriage seminar, the first of several, was led by the Rev. Malcolm McIver and his wife Mildred. A large number of children and adults went to Family Camp at Camp Grier. The youth groups put on a talent show to raise money for the Van Fund. The Confirmation Class was received into the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Vacation Bible School occurred in June, after which a group of young people from the Youth Choir attended the Music Conference at Montreat.

Undaunted by the sight of the blackened middle building, Gerrit immediately began considering how to move forward and get the church past the period of grieving over the fire. A consensus was reached that patching up the old building would be unsatisfactory, probably even unsafe. As we worked our way through the process of making a decision and planning for a new building, we realized the truth of the old saying that God never closes a door without opening a window. What we lost



was a sixty-seven-year-old building; what we gained was a beautiful, state-of-the-art structure well planned to meet the needs of the church on the brink of a new century.

A capital campaign would be necessary, since the insurance money from the fire would be only part of what was needed for the building of our dreams. Don Lackey, ever willing to serve, became chairman of the new campaign. Barbara Freiman, now a professional fund-raiser, volunteered her services as campaign director. Other members of the steering committee were Josephine Beall, Betty Buss, Jim McCarl, Ed Schell, and Gerrit Dawson.

“We Build To Renew the Light” was the campaign slogan. On October 6, a covered dish luncheon and informational meeting launched the campaign; on December 15 a Victory Celebration Dinner (catered) concluded it. The wildly successful campaign had garnered \$754,200 in pledges.

Meanwhile, work had already begun to repair the smoke damage in the sanctuary. The congregation met for four Sundays in the fellowship hall (shades of 1968-69!) while fresh paint was being applied and new chandeliers and sconces and red carpet installed. On December 8, 1991, the sanctuary was re-opened in time to celebrate Christmas.

During the fall of 1991, Gerrit began what became a tradition in the church—the Wednesday evening Bible study. The first study was entitled “To Begin Again: A Fresh Look At Discipleship.” The group study was coordinated with the Sunday worship services, with the Wednesday lesson being a preview of the sermon texts for the following Sunday. The Bible study was preceded by a light supper and fellowship time, with child care provided. This custom has continued, with a fall study for several weeks, concluding just before Thanksgiving, and a winter study, beginning just after New Year’s and running until Easter.

At the beginning of 1992, the congregation turned their thoughts toward new forms of mission. On February 16, at a family night supper, Joan Rogers, executive director of Communities In Schools, made a presentation about the need for tutor/mentors for a new program site at Hibriten High

School. The church members set a goal to provide twenty tutor/mentors for Hibriten freshmen considered at risk for dropping out of school. The first training session, conducted by Jennie Deal, had twenty-six attendees. Of these, a large percentage actually participated in the program which started in the fall of 1993. Those who did participate found the work sometimes frustrating, sometimes draining, but ultimately rewarding.

About this same time, Bob Giduz, a member of First Presbyterian, became the founding president of Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity. The church gave an initial gift of \$30,000 from the benevolence portion of our capital campaign funds to make possible the building of the first house. A number of church members joined the work crews building low-cost housing for deserving underprivileged people. Besides the actual construction work, there were other tasks such as providing sandwiches for the workers. An added benefit was getting to know the recipients of the new houses, who worked alongside the crew toward a common objective.

In the spring of 1992, the session announced that William Vanderbloemen, son of Bruce and Tamra Vanderbloemen, had been taken under care of the session as an inquirer (this is the first official step in the process of entering the ministry) and would begin studies at Princeton Seminary in the fall. Again the prayers of the church went with another young person taking an important step toward serving the Lord.<sup>2</sup>

Just as we saw one young person off to Princeton Seminary, we received another one from that place. Kathryn Berry, a Princeton graduate, became our associate minister. She was ordained September 13, 1992, in an impressive ceremony in our sanctuary followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

In a greeting to the congregation, Kathryn wrote:

“My senior year, as I began to interview with various churches, you also began to interview various candidates. First, I met Gerrit in Princeton where we had a great time talking about ministry and the church. Next I met the Pastor Nominating Committee and some

of you when I flew down to explore what it would mean to do ministry with you. One thing led to another; and through much prayer on both our parts, we finally discovered that God was calling me here for this time to do God's work with y'all. So here I am!

So far, so good. I'm enjoying Lenoir. It's definitely another new part of the country, but I like it MUCH better than New Jersey! I'm constantly being surprised with wonderful moments: sitting on a rock in the mountains only 30 minutes away gazing out over the valley being reminded of God's awesomeness; eating yummy home-made ice cream and cookies listening to choirs sing under the pavilion at United Presbyterian Church and hearing young voices playing in the background; having twice as many people as I asked come help me move into my new house getting an incredible amount of work done in record time and having good fellowship at the same time; playing dumb games with the youth and having a blast doing it. These are a few of the moments I've really enjoyed since being in Lenoir. I look forward to many more.

One of Gerrit's primary goals was to make Scripture familiar and accessible to all ages. The Living Stories series was launched in the fall of 1992 in our Sunday school to general acclaim. The morning would begin with a gathering of the children's classes in the chapel, where they would see the stories of the Bible enacted by adults in costume. After going to their classrooms, they would illustrate what they had learned with painting and other crafts.

Living Stories had been created in collaboration with Steve Strickler, Gerrit's Princeton roommate and colleague. For several years after Gerrit's arrival in Lenoir, Steve would come down from New Jersey once or twice a year to work with Gerrit on adding more Living Stories to the collection. They also produced (with the help of Rhonda Smith, a local musician) a musical, *Roots and Promises*, about the Genesis story. This was



performed several times in the area.

Several years later, Moffett Swaim Churn sent a message to the church:

Some of you may not be aware that ever since we opened our doors as the only Presbyterian Church in the southern part of Massachusetts, Gerrit has been sending us the Living Stories curriculum. It has been ideal for our congregation as many of the children were unfamiliar with the Bible and the stories that recount the originating events of our faith. Thanks to this perpetual gift, we have established ourselves around a lively educational ministry—and God is adding to our number day by day.

You will get a kick out of something that happened in Sunday school recently as we were journeying through St. John's passion. Three children were chosen to help reenact the anointing at Bethany, taking the parts of Mary, Jesus, and Judas. Todd Churn was cast in the part of Jesus—his line was: "Leave her alone . . . this woman is anointing me for my death." The dramatization commenced with great solemnity, with the actors totally yielded to their respective roles. But when Todd's turn came to speak, he stood up and blurted: "This woman is annoying me to death!" (Sort of makes me wonder what really happened.)

Thanks for Living Stories and for all the learning you've encouraged between the laughs!

Love Always,  
Moffett

By the summer of 1992, a beautiful new building, called the Commons Building, had replaced the blackened ruin. The church offices were moved from the education building and now occupied the lower floor of the new building. On the upper floor were the chapel and the library/session room. In these two spaces relics from the 1903 sanctuary were displayed. The carved wooden reredos stood against the library wall, and

portraits of former ministers adorned one of the book shelves. In the chapel the old pulpit was often used as a lectern for Bible study; and the communion table held the elements for midweek communion. The marble font stood just inside the doorway. But the dominant feature of the chapel was the glorious colored light from the old rose window, which had been placed over the entrance to the building and which extended to the chapel above.

A jubilant work party had spent a Saturday cleaning the grime off of these artifacts, which had been stored in the basement. After all, we had to get everything ready for the big day!

The weekend of October 10-11 celebrated the church's 140th anniversary and the completion of the Commons Building. Again, former ministers Archie McKee, Hartley Hall, Louis Zbinden, Parker Williamson, Jeff Lowrance, and Moffett Swaim Churn were there, along with a number of former church members and friends of the church in other localities. A Saturday evening picnic on the front lawn of the church was the scene of many joyful reunions.

A special worship service was held on Sunday morning, when all the former ministers had their say, followed by a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Commons Building. Then followed the feast to end all feasts, with a table of famous Presbyterian covered dishes stretching from one end of the fellowship hall to the other.

With renewed spirit, the congregation moved into 1993. A major event of that spring was the Senior High Mission Trip to Mexico. In April, during spring break, thirty-one youth and adults flew to San Diego and walked over the border to Mexico. One of the young people, Anna Sime, gave this account of the trip:

On behalf of the youth that went to Mexico, I want to thank everyone who supported us with your encouragement, love and especially for praying for us as we traveled and spent a long and hard week working. This was such an exciting experience to me and everyone else. I never really knew how lucky we were

until I went there, seeing all the poverty and all the love in the hearts of the Mexican children. It really made me grateful for who I am and what I have.

The plane trip over there was great! Since this was my first time on a plane, I admit I was a little scared. But, I knew that we were going to do God's work and he would take care of us. We flew into Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, and boarded another plane that took us to San Diego. Once we got there we couldn't believe how we could see the ocean then see a huge mountain not far from it. Then a bus took us to the border, dropped us all off with our luggage which consisted of our shopping bags, a mat to sleep on and clothes. Before we had gone Kathryn told us that we were going to walk about 100 yards carrying our luggage, across the border. We thought that was bad. But, when we got there we had walked about half a mile. Talk about hard. I thought I would never make it.

Finally we got to the orphanage and set up. The girls slept in a huge room and the guys slept on the roof of the kitchen. Meeting all the new people from California and New Mexico was great. The funniest thing to the Californians was the way we talked. They thought we were so funny and that we all talked wrong. But we thought they talked wrong.

Every night we would all get together and have a devotion. Since the week that we went was after Easter we talked about His resurrection. This was great for me because I really never thought about it. After the devotions we had family groups. In family groups we talked about how God has helped us through the day and week and how we have learned from one another.

There were 8 working groups and 9 houses to be built. In each of the groups there were people from North Carolina, California, and New Mexico. We all started work on Tuesday and had it finished by late



Saturday afternoon. When we got to the worksite Tuesday, the family that was going to live there helped us with our foundation. The foundation took forever. Mixing 12 shovelfuls of sand, 3 shovelfuls of cement, with water being added, took time and patience. At last it was finished and now the framing started. We hammered the two by fours together to form the walls and then hammered all the sides together. We all were proud. Now my favorite thing was next, putting on the rafters and the roof. Once it was through, we put up the siding and painted it. This sounds easy but it wasn't. It took all the time we had. Most of us worked from 9:00 in the morning to 5:00 or 6:00 at night, working in the hot sun and trying to get done as much as you could a day was hard. But we made it. The family was very grateful and couldn't stop thanking us. We hated to leave them since our friendship had become close, but we knew their life was touched by this new home.

*Feeling great about ourselves, that we had accomplished something wonderful, we went our separate ways. Leaving the new friends behind that we had met and the wonderful experience God had given us was hard, but I hope that we will be able to return next year.*

Meanwhile, the success of the Homecoming had led Gerrit to reflect on the meaning of such celebrations. He recalled the ancient Hebrew Festival of Booths commemorating the entrance into the Promised Land and linked it to our own situation:

We, too, have a past to be remembered and mighty acts of God to celebrate. Four years ago, the fire that destroyed our middle building caused the church to look deep within its soul. We had to discern, in the midst of tragedy, who God was calling us to be and what our mission truly is.

Last October, on the third anniversary of the fire, we hosted a Homecoming for old friends and the former

ministers of the church. We remembered our heritage even as we cut the ribbon on the Commons Building, a symbol of our future.

It seems to me that we need to remember every year our past and our commitment to the future. At least annually we need to draw strength from our heritage and to be humbled by recognition of how quickly dreams can go up in flames. And we need to give thanks for God's steadfastness through every year which guides our next steps.

So here's a wild idea. I would like to invite all of you to come to the church on Saturday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner and celebration of our church's history and God's blessings. And, we are inviting everyone who can to bring a tent and spend the night on the church grounds, just as the ancient Hebrews camped out to remember the exodus. It will be a time of family fun and true enactment of our faith.

Although the church lawn and parking lot bore little resemblance to the Judean desert, the significance of the event came through clearly. A month later, Gerrit recalled:

We had a delightful time the evening of October 9, celebrating our church heritage. About 75 folks came out in clear October skies to eat under the orangey-green and red leaves of our maples. Dale Griffith lit a huge fire for us in one of the planters in the parking lot. Around the flames, we recalled the fire of 1989 and the grace of God which saw us through. Kathryn lit the taper from the fire and then led us into worship as we followed the flame. Inside, she lit the Christ candle and we declared the everlasting faithfulness of our God.

The service included treasured hymns such as "Blessed Assurance," "Faith of Our Fathers," and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." In between, we heard recollections from three life-long members of the church. Don Lackey highlighted the continuity through

every generation of preaching the saving grace of Christ and serving the community. Mary Pegram talked of what it was like to grow up in the church and then return to it years later, still invigorated by our members' commitment. Charles Hailey spoke of how important it was to be nurtured as a child by the church so that years later that love would see him through a serious illness. Not surprisingly, the speakers sounded a common theme: We have been richly blessed in order to be a blessing to each other and the community.

Then, after worship, we sat around the fire and talked or sang while the children played and the steeple shone. About 10:30 the 25 brave souls who had pitched tents or parked campers headed for bed. Not a few of the adults had plenty of time that night to remember the ancient Hebrews, and wonder if they tossed and turned as much as we when they spent two weeks in tents!

Having come through the fire and the rebuilding experience, and buoyed by the energy and faith of their young pastor, the congregation was feeling more comfortable about risk-taking. In the fall of 1993 they adopted a new way of conducting the annual stewardship campaign. Always before, the deacons had made up a budget, stewardship letters and pledge cards had been sent out, and those who had not responded by a certain date were contacted by a church officer. Now the process was reversed. Letters were sent out inviting all members to come to Consecration Sunday, a special worship service where the pledge cards stating an estimate of giving were filled out and turned in, after which everyone went to a catered celebration dinner in the fellowship hall. Those not in attendance were contacted. After all pledges were in, the budget was made up.

In this approach, the emphasis was not on the church's needs but on the need of the giver to give. The results were overwhelming. "Many people reported to me," said Gerrit, "how refreshing it was to consider that they were giving to God, not



just to the budget.” Those who had doubted that the new program would work doubted no longer.

Early in 1994 the session approved a new mission in support of Rex House, a local shelter for homeless men.<sup>3</sup> Various groups within the church (circles, Sunday school classes, etc.) made a commitment to go to the shelter on the third Thursday of each month to prepare dinner and lead a chapel service.

In April we welcomed Les and Cindy Morgan at a family night supper where they showed slides and told us of their Christian ministries as health leaders with the church of Bangladesh. Since that time we have taken over partial support not only of the Morgans but also of Steve and Buffy White in Bolivia; Jo Ann Griffith (sister of Dale Griffith of our congregation) in Ethiopia; and Robert Moore in Guatemala.

In September Kathryn Berry accepted a call to be interim associate pastor for youth at a church in Los Angeles, feeling a need to get closer to her roots in California. No sooner had we said a sad good-bye to Kathryn than the church became involved in another financial campaign. This was necessary because of the purchase of some property on Ashe Avenue and Kirkwood Street below the church to be used for additional parking and a playground. The playground was needed not only for the Sunday school but also for the School For Young Children, a pre-school which occupied our Sunday school classrooms during the week.<sup>4</sup> The curbing and guttering was done through the perseverance of elder George Hancock, who insisted on it when others questioned the necessity—so much so that for years the area was informally known as the George Hancock Parking Lot. Hindsight being better than foresight (except George Hancock’s), few regret the extra expense now.

The campaign followed the pattern of the previous one, with letters, printed material and personal visits to members who had joined since the previous campaign. A Celebration Luncheon was planned for the conclusion. Once again, Don Lackey answered the call to be campaign chairman; and Barbara Freiman served as campaign director.

The goal of the campaign was \$250,000, or about one third of the original amount pledged. Each family, or giving unit, was asked to consider a two-year pledge for roughly one-third of its original gift. This goal amount would eliminate the capital debt and also provide a \$25,000 mission benevolence. One tenth of the campaign funds has customarily been designated for missions in all our campaigns.

Once again, the theme focused upon the need of the giver to give in response to God's call rather than upon the need of the church to receive.





## CHAPTER 17

### JOURNEYS, TO BETHLEHEM AND OTHER PLACES

**W**hat will we do without Agnes?" The general lament began in January 1995, when it was announced that Agnes Scroggs would retire August 31. Agnes had served as minister's secretary for more than thirty years, functioning as friend and pastor to the congregation. Fortunately, a replacement was at hand. Evelyn ("Bootsie") Creason, our church hostess, moved easily into the position after an eight-month training period by Agnes. Martha Shanks was still in the office as church secretary, producing countless bulletins, newsletters, session and committee minutes, and other communications.

Effective January 1, 1995, Tommy Melton, who had been serving as part-time financial secretary, became full-time church administrator. Tommy has kept up with all the increasingly complicated finances of the church, as well as building maintenance and care of the facilities.

The congregation has been blessed with a church staff which has always exhibited teamwork and devotion in the service of the church and the Lord.

"More than three hundred gathered for a delightful celebration of Agnes Scroggs and her thirty-three years of service as Ministers' Secretary," wrote Gerrit. "From heartfelt expressions of gratitude to dancing donkeys, mooing cows and

live chickens, we did it up (and almost forgot that Presbyterians shouldn't have such fun!)”

In the spring of 1995 began what became a major ministry of the church, when four worship services were videotaped for later broadcasting. This was done on a trial basis, to determine what the response would be; the effort was so successful that regular broadcasting began. The 11:00 worship service appeared at 5:00 p.m. on the local TV channel. Later, the service was also broadcast at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening and was carried on the Morganton TV channel as well.

We soon realized that the broadcasts of our worship service were reaching a sizable audience, not only of the unchurched but also of regularly attending members of other churches. One Episcopalian lady was heard to complain that she could never get any of her friends to come in for the cocktail hour on Sunday afternoon because, as they told her, “I have to listen to Gerrit Dawson.”

Worship was, and is, the central and essential part of the life of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir. Among all the worship services, the Christmas Eve service stands out. Music by the choir, other instrumental music, a nativity scene, the minister's Christmas message, Holy Communion, and the lighting of candles all contribute to the special effect. Attendance increased with each year until the fire department became alarmed about the number of chairs in the aisles and imposed some restrictions. Regular attendees knew that, for the 6:00 p.m. service, they should be at the church by 5:00 to be sure of getting a seat.

One memorable year when things did not go smoothly is recalled by Gerrit:

I remember the year I got a bit too big for my Christmas britches. Our Christmas Eve services had been growing in popularity, and I was always trying to think of ways to make them better. One year I was convinced that the awe and mystery of Bethlehem would be ours via my stellar ministerial skills. God had other plans.

The first sign of trouble came when I went to the pulpit to read my perfect, pithy, poetic quotation, and discovered I had left the little pearl of wisdom back on my desk. My paraphrase was none too articulate. Then, we began creating the live nativity up front character by character. Baby Jesus was really cute, but she did not realize that this holy night called for absolute quiet. She began to fuss, then cry full out. This occurred just at the point in my Pulitzer prize-winning script when I asked dramatically, "Can you feel the silence?" Rather than sinking into the mystic, the congregation roared with laughter. The joke was on me.

By and by, crying babies, like Christmas spirit, proved to be contagious. Soon, all the babies in the sanctuary (it seemed like 75 of them) were screaming at the top of their lungs. Sweat poured down the sides of my face. Would this O holy nightmare ever end? When we blessedly reached the time for communion, as the elders came forward, one knocked the large Christ candle off the advent wreath and it rolled toward the congregation seated in front. Thankfully, it was quickly recovered and no one was burned. But at that moment, I got the point. God was in charge, not me. The show was about Jesus, not the minister's extravaganza. I knew then it was time to let go and laugh with the angels.

In January 1996 our elder Jane Carswell was part of a mission team from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina which visited Guatemala. The presbytery had entered a partnership with two presbyteries in that country. The delegation that went down at this time was comprised of health care professionals who hoped to work with the Guatemalans in assessing health care needs. The presbytery partnership led to links between individual churches; and the church called Jesus Cristo, Fuentes de Agua Viva (Jesus Christ, Fountain of Living Waters) became our sister church. The church is located on a small island called Tecojate, where the people live in impoverished conditions



and unemployment is high. We have been able to help them by contributing start-up money for the “Chicken Project,” raising chickens to boost the economy. Another need we addressed was the need for education in that depressed area. We have provided scholarship, uniform and school supply money for the Guatemalan students. Jane Carswell Roberts and other representatives from our church have visited the area; and we have received visits in return from members of that church. Above all, we have been linked with them in prayer to our common Lord.

At the March meeting, the session approved the establishment of a columbarium for the interment of ashes in the McLean Garden. The beautiful curved brick wall with niches to hold the ashes was completed and dedicated on June 15, 1997.

Another significant event was the first of the Jean Alexander Bernhardt Lectures, held May 12 and 13, 1996. The series of lectures on theology had been established in memory of Mrs. John Christian Bernhardt, who died in 1994, through an endowment from her family and through memorials from a host of friends. All agreed that “Miss Jean,” a lover of Scripture and a descendant of eminent Presbyterian clergy, would have loved these learned discourses by devout teachers. The inaugural lecture was given by Professor Alan Torrance from Kings College, London. Speakers in succeeding years were Dr. Elizabeth Achtemeier of Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia (1997); Dr. Jeremy Begbie of Cambridge University (1998); Bishop FitzSimmons Allison (1999); Dr. Alec Motyer (2000); and Dr. Kari McClellan (2001).

The Jean Alexander Bernhardt Lecture series endowment became a part of the church foundation, established in January 1996. The funds of the foundation were invested by the Presbyterian Foundation. Two other special funds were later added to the foundation endowment: the Lorraine Beall Ministries of Compassion for charitable purposes and the James and Lucy McCarl Endowment to enhance the music program of the church.

In June, 1996, Robert Austell joined us as associate minister. Robert, before going to Princeton Seminary, had graduated from Davidson College as a music major with an emphasis on music composition. He is a gifted pianist, singer, and guitar player and has shared with us many new Christian songs written by himself and others. Sunday school and Wednesday evening Bible study are now opened with singing of these songs and the old gospel hymns as well, with Robert accompanying on the piano or the guitar. Robert and Gerrit have collaborated in writing new songs for use in worship services, Robert composing the music and Gerrit the words, based on the Psalms or other Scripture.

Under Robert's leadership, with the help of some dedicated youth advisers, the youth fellowships took on new life. In addition to regular meetings and retreats to Camp Grier, the senior highs had mission trips each summer—some to neighboring states and some as far away as Mexico and Jamaica. At the end of his second summer at the church, Robert commented:

Summer slump? I don't know what they were talking about. I know the Sunday worship attendance held strong and steady. And the pace sure didn't seem to slacken at all. Maybe it was spending one week at Montreat with the senior highs and two weeks in Mexico on the mission trip. Then there was Vacation Bible School, a "Rock 'n' Roll service" and the search for youth advisors (who knew I'd end up with eleven in all!) and school was already back in session by the time I cleaned my desk from the summer. We've already been to Camp Grier with the junior highs, and youth group is starting soon.

Oh, and lest I fail to mention it—while in Mexico on July 1, I celebrated the one-year anniversary of my arriving at the church. The kids ate a burrito in my honor. But seriously . . . I want to thank you as a congregation for welcoming Heather and me with such warmth and generosity. We absolutely love being here! We look forward to the second year (and many more!)

To Robert's responsibilities, in addition to youth work, was added the pastoral oversight of the church's local ministries. In November 1996, a specially formed Operations Committee reported to the session with a plan to restructure the Board of Deacons. In the old PCUS, the deacons handled financial, property and stewardship responsibilities, in addition to works of compassion. The Book of Order created since reunion followed the old UPCUSA definition of deacons as those primarily concerned with ministries of mercy. The new plan for our deacons brought us in line with the Book of Order definition, assigning deacons to each of our local ministries, as well as emphasizing visitation of the elderly and homebound. Implemented in January of 1997, the plan continues.

In November 1997, the session, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the session approved an agreement with Adult Life Programs to begin an adult day care in our youth building, beginning in February, 1998. Under the leadership of deacon Josephine Beall, this program came into being on our grounds. Adult Life has averaged fifteen daily participants, who frequently welcome visits from the children's choirs, the ministers, and our visiting team.

Under the new structure, each deacon has an assignment, either for ministries within the church (coordinating emergency meals, the Neighborhood Caregiver program coordination, or elderly and homebound visitation) or for local ministries to which we are historically committed on a continuing basis. These include Yokefellow, School for Young Children, Koinonia, Hospice, the Caldwell Shelter Home, Habitat, Caldwell Pregnancy Care Clinic, Prison Ministries, Caldwell House, Guardian ad Litem, Helping Hands Medical Clinic, West End Neighborhood Project, Grandfather Home and other children's homes, and Communities in Schools.

Approval was given in February 1998 for office space for Habitat for Humanity to be provided on our grounds. The renovation of the education building in 2001 created an office especially designed for Habitat. The first full-time director of



Habitat, Pete Kidder arrived in Lenoir in October 1999 and quickly joined the church.

During Wednesday nights in Lent in 1996, Gerrit led a study of the poems of George Herbert. Each class included an introduction to and explanation of the poems to be studied. The work done on this study led to another book, *Love Bade Me Welcome*, a series of daily devotionals based on Herbert's poems. This was published at the end of 1997, preceded some months earlier by his third book, *Called By a New Name*.<sup>1</sup> Gerrit's writing ministry, increasing in effectiveness with each book, has reached its peak (so far) with *I Am With You Always*, a series of stories from the Gospels about various persons' encounters with Jesus.

In the Wednesday night Bible studies Gerrit and Robert have been assisted by Robert Mills, who came to Lenoir to serve on the staff of the *Presbyterian Layman*. Bob, who has himself written several books on theological subjects, has undertaken teaching duties at the church, with Sunday school as well as on Wednesday nights. He was given official status in April 1997, when the session named him Parish Associate.

In other staff news, the tenth anniversary of Anne Starnes' service as church organist was celebrated on September 28, 1997, with an organ recital by Dr. Max Smith, a recently retired professor of music at Appalachian State University.

In the summer of 1996, the choir began a new, and widened, ministry, when a group of singers, accompanied by some friends and relatives from other choirs, took their music ministry overseas. Calling themselves the Appalachian Chorale, they toured England and Scotland, giving mini-concerts in cathedrals and providing music for worship services in several churches. For their repertoire for this trip, they decided to concentrate on Appalachian gospel music and spirituals, rather than bringing coals to Newcastle by performing the classical works that English choirs do so well. The performances were well received everywhere. However, they were surprised to find, at a church in Scotland, that what the audience really wanted

to hear was “Shenendoah.” They had prepared several secular numbers to be used as encores, one of these being “Shenendoah,” so they were able to comply with the request.

The 1996 trip was the first of three made by the Appalachian Chorale. Each time the group grew larger, as word got around what a wonderful experience it was. In 1996 twenty-one people went, some of them non-singers; in 2001 thirty-four toured Cornwall and southern Wales, following two days in London. Here is an account of the 1999 journey:

“An unforgettable experience!” “Just as good as the ’96 trip!” “Incredibly beautiful country!” These were some of the comments of the returning travelers after their whirlwind tour of parts of England, Wales and Ireland.

Even Mother Nature smiled on us. There was (uncharacteristically) very little rain during our ten days abroad, and temperatures were moderate (in contrast to the boiling hot weather Lenoir was experiencing at the same time). A feast of castles, cathedrals, and Celtic monuments unfolded before us. We came to understand why Ireland is called the Emerald Isle—so intense was the green of fields and hills. We saw that the gorgeous coastland of the movie “Ryan’s Daughter” was real and not just a movie set.

But if anyone in the group was asked what his or her favorite thing was, the answer was invariably “Our concerts.” We sang in cavernous cathedrals where the acoustics provided by the stone walls and lofty ceilings made us sound like a 100-voice choir. We sang in tiny churches where we were welcomed by people hungry for the sound of our music. We crowded into an early Christian corbeled stone oratory and sang a Gloria. We even had two impromptu sing-alongs in the lounge of a hotel in Limerick, in which we were enthusiastically joined by fellow hotel guests from other parts of the British Isles.

The pastor of one of the churches where we sang gave a prayer of thanks for the fellowship of Christian

people which transcends natural and political boundaries. The warmth we felt there will be with us always.


Very special thanks go to Dianne Graeber for the countless hours she spent working out this tour. Thanks also to Anne Starnes for her invaluable help as assistant tour director.





## CHAPTER 18

### AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

cotland was on the mind of others besides the Appalachian Chorale. During a study tour to that country, Gerrit had visited a village in the highlands called Mallaig and had attended church there. Finding a kindred spirit in the pastor, the Rev. Ben Johnstone, Gerrit conceived the idea of a summer pulpit exchange. Accordingly, with the blessing of the session, this was accomplished when Ben Johnstone arrived on June 30, 1998, to occupy, with his wife Annette and daughter Laura, the Dawson home while the Dawsons flew to Scotland to live in the Manse at Mallaig for four weeks.

The Johnstones felt at home immediately and seemed no different from their new congregation except for their Scottish accents. By the time they left Lenoir in August, they had apparently learned the names and family history of all 550 of us. The Dawsons were equally loved in Mallaig. The pulpit exchange had indeed been a success.

At the annual church officers' retreat in February, 1999, excitement was in the air. Gerrit told the officers, in confidence, that the church was being offered an interesting piece of property (he could not say what at this point) and that more information would be forthcoming. A couple of weeks later the officers learned that the property was none other than Fairfield, the home of the Beall family. Harper Beall, Jr., the present owner, was to give the house to the church (while retaining a lifetime tenure) along

with an endowment for its upkeep.

Fairfield had tremendous historical significance for the church. The oldest part of the house had been built in the late 1820's by James Harper, the founder and first elder of First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir. Succeeding James Harper as owners were his daughter, Mary Harper Beall, and her husband Dr. Robert Lamar Beall; their son James Harper Beall and his family; and James Harper Beall, Jr. and his family.

The session and the officers of the church foundation discussed the possibilities provided by this gift. How could it best be used? Finally, the concept of a retreat center emerged—a place where church groups could meet, missionaries could stay, and theologians could work and study in relative peace and quiet.

Soon after the gift was made, Harper Beall, Jr., died. After a few months of preparation (the family clearing out their possessions, while leaving much of the furniture and equipment) The Lorraine and Harper Beall Study Center at Fairfield was born.

“Our purpose,” reads the brochure for the study center, is “to renew the Church by refreshing and invigorating its leaders through a center for study, reflection, teaching and planning in such a way that Jesus Christ is glorified, the Scriptures are respected, and the historic Nicene faith is advanced.”

Each of the three large bedrooms was supplied with a desk for study and writing projects. The guests were expected to bring their own equipment, though there was a computer in the downstairs study for general use. A theological library (on CD's) was assembled for the use of those doing research.

A small efficiency apartment built onto the back of the house for Harper Beall's sister provided quarters for a house manager. For the first year, this position was filled by Chris Brown, a seminary student serving an internship at the church. After Chris departed, Jessica Griffith, a middle school teacher and a daughter of the congregation, served as house manager, keeping the house in perfect order and beautifully decorated for every occasion.

Since the beginning of the project, the center has hosted Bernhardt Lecture speakers, Bible studies, visiting missionaries,



church officer retreats, and other church-related groups. In the summer months, the spacious lawn has been the scene of several congregational picnics.

At the beginning of the year 2000, the cry of “What will we do without . . .?” was raised again, when Martha Shanks retired after twenty-seven years in the church office. Gerrit noted:

Despite our best efforts to convince her otherwise, our beloved church secretary, Martha Shanks, will be retiring January 15 after more than a quarter century of service. She is irreplaceable and will be much missed. As everyone knows, Martha is a tireless, dedicated worker committed to the highest standards in all our church communications. She offers, no matter how busy she is, a willing ear, a loving heart, and an encouraging word. Martha anchors the office with her steady presence and always puts the good of the whole before her own interests. Her Christian faith shines through every aspect of her work here. Please plan to stay after church on January 30th for a brief reception in her honor.<sup>1</sup>

Stepping into these enormous shoes will be Jonnie Laws. Jonnie is a delightful personality with many professional skills. She brings a love for people and a desire to care to this position . . . She begins January 3, and asks for your prayers!

Jonnie had two weeks to be trained by Martha; and even after that time, Martha was close by and could be reached by telephone if questions arose. Jonnie quickly mastered the details of the job, and just as quickly got to know the people in the congregation.

In June 2000, Nancy Cruden volunteered her services as parish nurse for one year. The job was supposed to be half-time; but Nancy undoubtedly put in many more hours than she had planned, visiting members of the congregation who had health problems and giving advice and encouragement over the telephone. At the end of the year, now considered indispensable, she became a salaried member of the church staff.

Nancy was sometime accompanied on her visits by the church visiting team—elders Jim McCarl and Bob Belk. These two set aside one day a week to visit church members who were homebound or in nursing homes, or who needed special attention for whatever reason—bereavement or other troubles. A special source of delight to the nursing home patients and the senior citizens at the Adult Life Center was provided when the team brought along another member—Rufus, Jim McCarl’s “grand-dog,” an affectionate golden retriever who made a point of greeting and receiving a pat on the head from each person. (“Rufus really knows how to work a room,” said his owner, Lucy R. McCarl.) Rufus’ ministry was recognized when he was “commissioned” during a children’s sermon one Sunday. The children had a laying-on of hands, and Rufus thereafter wore one of the little red stoles from the children’s choir on visiting days.

The Women of the Church also had a visiting ministry for many years. This group was led by Mrs. John Christian Bernhardt (“Miss Jean”) and later by Sarah Bagley. Their faithfulness in all times, good and bad, served as an example to all church members.

In April, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina put together a team of eleven persons from different churches in the presbytery to work on homes in the Rocky Mount area which were flooded by Hurricane Floyd. John Shanks and Jim Crawford from our church were a part of this team and shared their experiences when they returned. Later they formed a Disaster Response Team from our church which went to the same area in the fall. Being handy with carpentry tools and not afraid of hard work, these team members found the experience rewarding. They were ready to go again; there seemed to be an endless number of tasks to be done in that hard-hit area.

On the subject of building, it was suddenly brought to our attention that our “new” education building was now old and in need of renovation. On the first floor, the children’s area for both Sunday school and the School For Young Children, we needed more than the one outside entrance we had, to conform

to fire regulations. We also needed to solve the problem of getting the children to the playground without their having to cross Kirkwood Street or, more accurately, walk in the street. On the second floor, the adult classrooms were drab and had acoustical problems. All the bathrooms needed attention; the kitchen needed updating; and the fellowship hall needed brightening.

Ed Schell was asked to chair a committee to study the needs and make some recommendations for a state-of-the-art facility suitable for the twenty-first century. The committee was asked to do some dreaming without any consideration of costs. The grand scheme was presented at an informal congregational meeting in the fellowship hall. Although it was greatly admired, reality set in when those who saw it understood what it would cost. Also, it was felt that perhaps the plan provided for more space than was needed; it called for an actual addition to the present building, when we already had large unused or under-utilized spaces.

Back to the drawing board went our planners. While a new, scaled-down plan was in progress, work began on the first floor (the children's floor) where the need was most urgent. Through the summer and into the fall the hammering continued. The classrooms were not ready when it was time for the School For Young Children to resume in September; they started the year in temporary quarters in the fellowship hall. Finally, in November, the floor was open for use. Members of the congregation took a tour through the beautiful area with exclamations of approval. The most exciting feature was the new children's chapel, in which some of the stained-glass windows from the 1903 sanctuary had been installed. And yes, there were now not one but five outside doors.

The city of Lenoir agreed to close Kirkwood Street to through traffic beyond the entrance to the building, so that the children could get safely to their playground. Later, when the landscaping was done outside, a new playground, enclosed by a brick wall, was constructed adjacent to the building and directly accessible through the two front doors.

Through the summer, the church officers debated the



substitute plan. They were asked to tour the building and the grounds, trying to see them through the eyes of a visitor or a prospective member. Things they had not really looked at for years were now seen as in need of improvement. After much study and much prayer, the officers agreed to go ahead with the project.

On October 8, 2000, the congregation approved a capital campaign with a goal of one million dollars. Ed Schell was the campaign chairman this time, with Barbara Freiman again serving as campaign director. Martha Shanks agreed to come out of her retirement long enough to act as campaign secretary. Divisions and teams were set up and campaign brochures created. Following a series of small group meetings in homes, in which participants watched, and then discussed, a video of church members describing what First Presbyterian has meant in their lives, soliciting via personal visits began.

Once again, the response from the congregation was overwhelming. The campaign was oversubscribed by about \$291,000; this made it possible to add back some of the features cut from the first plan.

During the winter of 2000-2001 the renovation efforts were concentrated on The Underground, a huge, mostly undeveloped space in the basement of the Commons Building. The junior highs, under the direction of Robert, had adopted The Underground as their meeting place. It had an advantage in that they could decorate it creatively without doing any damage; still, it was just a basement with a concrete floor. The workmen put in walls to separate the junior high quarters from the storage spaces; a small stage was added; and the whole area brightened with fresh paint.

Then, in June 2001, at the conclusion of the church program year, work began on the upper floor and the fellowship hall. The adult classrooms upstairs had fresh paint and lowered ceilings to help with the acoustics. Downstairs the kitchen was so modernized as to be almost unrecognizable, with new appliances. In the adjacent fellowship hall, everything was

lighter and brighter. Two outside doors were cut on the west side of the building, so that it was now possible to drive around to the new parking area on that side and enter the building through this new entrance.

The second summer's work, like that of the first summer, ran over into the fall. The fellowship hall was not completed until October, just in time to host the Hospice Basketball Benefit Luncheon. This has been an annual event for a number of years; and always more than 400 people are packed into the fellowship hall. This year was no exception.

During the discussions about the renovations, a frequent topic was the problem of the choir loft. The loft, in the back of the sanctuary, was crowded and not well arranged for group singing, with long straight rows making it difficult to hear the other side. Added to this was the fact that some choir members wished to be singing down in front, while others preferred to stay where they were. Opinion was also divided among the members of the congregation and the television audience. So, what to do? Consultations with some church architects revealed that the cost of building a choir loft and moving the organ downstairs would be prohibitive. However, one item included in the campaign budget was an ancillary organ console to be placed in the front of the sanctuary. This instrument was installed in September 2001 and was the cause of much excitement, technology having increased so much since 1949 that the new instrument has many more capabilities than the old one.

At this writing the choir is dividing its time between the loft and the front of the sanctuary. When they sing downstairs, they sit on the front rows and file up to the chancel steps to sing the anthem. This too is not pleasing to everybody, sometimes being considered an intrusion in the worship service. The loft is still a work in progress. The wooden floor with risers has been removed, leaving a level concrete floor. The plan is to use movable risers which can be tried in different configurations to get the best acoustical advantage.

A highlight of the Christmas season in 2001 was the

performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* on December 16. For this ambitious project the choir was in the front. Chairs were placed in the chancel, on the steps, and on the floor below the steps, for the choir and some instrumentalists, including the Fry Street Quartet from the Western Piedmont Symphony. Anne Starnes was at the organ, and Dianne Graeber was the director. Musicians were everywhere. And the *Gloria* was glorious!

Meanwhile, building had been going on two blocks east, behind Koinonia. In March, 2001, after four years of planning, grant-seeking, massive ditch-filling, earth-moving and construction, Koinonia II opened forty-five beautiful new apartments for the elderly, under the leadership of board president Frank Dooley.

Later that year, in August 2001, believing that strong convictions must be followed by strong works of compassion, the session authorized the beginning of Accepted in the Beloved, a biweekly discipleship and support group for men struggling with same-sex attraction. Gerrit and deacon Linda Morgan provide leadership to the group. Our church, being one of only six in the PCUSA so far to provide this kind of support, finds itself on the cutting edge of ministry in this area.

In the fall of 2001, the session authorized the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary mission: the West Lenoir Project. The church recruited twenty-five volunteers to serve as tutors, mentors and friends to at-risk children in this neighboring elementary school. The project quickly caught the imagination of the congregation, and many members supported the school. Circles provided hygiene kits and Christmas gifts. A fund was created to meet emergency needs of the families, and an ice-cream social was held at Fairfield. This partnership, providing hands-on involvement of our members in the lives of children will continue well beyond the sesquicentennial.

As the workmen were transforming our facility into a thing of beauty, we found ourselves involved in an unbeautiful controversy. Theological differences in the wider church of the Presbyterian Church (USA) had been building up for years;



now these differences threatened the peace of the local church. Some of the conservative evangelical churches of the denomination, feeling that the traditional Reformed faith was being diluted and set aside, felt a need to reaffirm the tenets of that faith. A loosely organized group within the denomination formed the Confessing Church movement. First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir became a part of that movement when the session approved a statement containing three affirmations:

We confess that the Triune God has revealed himself uniquely in Jesus Christ, who alone is Lord of all and the incarnate Savior who gave his life in love for the world.

We confess that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God written, a precious gift from God and our infallible guide for faith and life.

We confess that the Triune God teaches us through the Scriptures a clear standard for ethical purity and holiness of life. The gift of these commands makes clear that sexual expression is reserved for marriage between a man and a woman, and that within these standards its beauty is safeguarded and nourished.

When it became known that the session had signed this document (congregational approval not being required), some church members were deeply concerned. Theology is not the province of this history; however, a brief summary of the objections should be provided. Although there were some questions as to the exact interpretation of the word “infallible” in this context, the major problem was in the third tenet, which is aimed at homosexual expression. There are sincere and faithful Christians on both sides of this issue, some believing that homosexual behavior is a sin, others maintaining that it is a natural aberration. A further concern, outside of the three tenets, was that the Confessing Church movement is schismatic and will cause division, both in the local church and in the denomination.

With little warning came the realization of church members that they were not of one mind about some issues. Friends who

had worked together in the church for years suddenly found that they could not discuss these things dispassionately. More than one faithful member spent sleepless nights grieving over the shadow which had fallen across the landscape. Pain was in the air we breathed.

After a summer of turmoil, September came and, with it, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Then theological issues paled in comparison to our basic burning need for God and one another.

On September 30, Gerrit's sermon put things into perspective. In conclusion he said:

When things start to shake, I'm going to go to the unshakable place. I'm going to throw my face down before the cross of Jesus. You come too. Let's all go to him there. And when the storm blows over, and we lift our heads and look around, we just might find that we've been holding hands all along.



**A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS**



## EPILOGUE



January 1, 2002. On this bright, clear day, the first of our sesquicentennial year, you have undertaken an unusual journey. You have negotiated the arduous climb above the sanctuary to the base of the steeple; now you are seeing the landscape in a way you've never seen it before. In whatever direction you look, there are marks of the first Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina.

If you turn your eyes to the west, you see Fairfield, James Harper's house, now a theological study center owned and operated by the church. Just down the street is West Lenoir School, where the church has just begun a tutoring project. Up the hill from the school, at the end of Beall Street, is an overgrown cemetery. Here the little log church stood.

Now come back toward the church and look down at the grounds. The buildings are silent today, for the church office and the School For Young Children are on holiday. But the new playground is waiting for the children when they come back tomorrow. And the new parking area is neatly landscaped and marked off, ready to be filled with cars Sunday morning.

Down the hill on the back side of the church property is the playground for the Caldwell Shelter Home next door. A road, opening off Vance Street, has been cut through the woods and leads up to the old youth building, now the Adult Life Center. You can see the steep steps leading from the Adult Life Center to the east side of the church and the old graveyard,



and then, beyond the aged tombstones, the columbarium and the McLean Garden. Finally Kirkwood, the home of Jesse Rankin, appears, with the Hospice in-patient unit at the rear and a new addition in progress.

To the east of Kirkwood, across Main Street, Koinonia basks in the afternoon sun, with the brand-new Koinonia II behind it. Residents of both buildings are going in and out, enjoying the mild weather.

Just before dusk, saturated with memories and full of hope for the future, you climb down from the steeple and watch the light come on.

We have come a half mile and 150 years from the little log church. But our mission has not changed since that July Sunday in 1852 when James Harper, Caroline Finley Harper, and Emma Baker inaugurated the church under the guidance of God and the Rev. Benjamin L. Beall. We remember God's promises to us.

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir is to receive Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, and to obey him by:

**Beholding the Light** as the church gathered for worship

**Kindling the Light** for all who come within our bounds

**Bearing the Light** as the church, sent to minister to the community and to the world.

# APPENDIX ONE

## Roll of Elders, Deacons and Trustees First Presbyterian Church Lenoir, North Carolina

### Elders

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</u>
James Harper .....	July 31, 1852	W. Clyde Suddreth .....	October 6, 1946
Edward W. Faucette .....	August, 1852	Fred Long .....	March 29, 1953
Nathaniel T. Rankin .....	May 8, 1858	J. H. Beall, Jr. ....	October 3, 1954
Dr. Robert L. Beall .....	July 8, 1866	Charles B. Pegram .....	October 3, 1954
Hugh C. Hamilton .....	April 12, 1874	J. C. Bernhardt .....	November 20, 1955
George Washington Finley Harper .....	March 8, 1891	G. W. Kirsten, Jr. ....	November 20, 1955
George Lynn Bernhardt .....	March 8, 1891	R. M. McGirt .....	November 20, 1955
George E. Stone .....	December 20, 1891	H. B. Jennings .....	January 6, 1957
John W. Kirby .....	January 15, 1893	George L. Bernhardt .....	January 1, 1961
S. Wilson Hamilton .....	December, 1892	George C. Robbins .....	January 1, 1961
James Gaither Hall .....	September 5, 1897	Henry McFadyen .....	February 4, 1962
Edward F. Reid .....	April, 1909	T. Glen Miller, Jr. ....	February 4, 1962
J. H. Thompson .....	April, 1909	Fate J. Beal .....	January 13, 1963
S. Andrew Grier .....	April, 1909	Donald Lackey .....	January 10, 1965
John Matthias Bernhardt .....	October 29, 1911	Turner Nelson .....	October 31, 1965
James Harper Beall .....	October 29, 1911	Jack Buss .....	October 30, 1966
J. Edward Martin .....	October 19, 1919	Granville Myers .....	October 30, 1966
William H. Craddock .....	October 19, 1919	James M. McCarl .....	December 31, 1967
George Finley Harper .....	February 17, 1924	James C. Harper, Jr. ....	January 3, 1971
Virgil D. Guire .....	February 17, 1924	Jane T. Carswell .....	January 3, 1971
Rufus L. Gwyn .....	February 17, 1924	Wesley Collins .....	December 27, 1970
Fred H. Brown .....	February 2, 1930	Joe Nash .....	January 3, 1971
Dr. W. M. White .....	February 2, 1930	David Williams .....	January 3, 1971
Robey C. Robbins .....	February 2, 1930	Donald Baker .....	December 31, 1972
James C. Harper .....	December 19, 1937	Bud L. Brown .....	December 31, 1972
James T. Pritchett .....	December 19, 1937	Alice McConnell .....	December 31, 1972
W. G. Haymaker .....	December 19, 1937	John McCurry .....	December 31, 1972
J. B. Houston, Jr. ....	October 6, 1946	John J. Scott .....	December 31, 1972
G. G. Ludwig .....	October 6, 1946	Robert Styres .....	December 31, 1972
L. B. Martin .....	October 6, 1946	John A. Forlines, Jr. ....	January 19, 1975
		Winnefred Harding .....	January 19, 1975

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
Lindsay Mount .....	January 19, 1975
Edwin Schell .....	January 19, 1975
G. Alexander Bernhardt .....	January 9, 1977
Marjorie Strawn .....	January 9, 1977
Thomas Broyhill .....	January 7, 1979
Faith Davison .....	January 7, 1979
William Stronach, Jr. ....	January 7, 1979
J. Harper Beall III .....	January 4, 1981
Robert S. Belk .....	January 4, 1981
Maxine Johnson .....	January 4, 1981
Barry Spicer .....	January 4, 1981
James Darsie .....	January 6, 1985
Jack McCreary .....	January 6, 1985
Donald McNeill .....	January 6, 1985
Pauline S. Nelson .....	January 6, 1985
Rodgers White .....	January 6, 1985
Beverly T. Beal .....	January 9, 1983
Lucy McCarl .....	January 9, 1983
Bruce Vanderbloemen .....	January 9, 1983
Barbara Freiman .....	January 4, 1987
Lamar Hodge .....	* January 4, 1987
Hunter Pitts .....	January 4, 1987
William Bair .....	January 10, 1988
Lewis Norman III .....	January 10, 1988
Mary Sugg Styres .....	January 10, 1988
George L. Bernhardt, Jr. ....	January 8, 1989
Betty Brown .....	January 8, 1989
Ted Holcher .....	January 8, 1989
John Beall .....	January 7, 1990
M. Dale Griffith .....	January 7, 1990

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
George M. Hancock .....	January 6, 1991
Betty T. Schell .....	January 12, 1992
Gerry Bair .....	January 10, 1993
J. Harlton McKee .....	* January 10, 1993
Scott Ross .....	January 10, 1993
Dottie Darsie .....	January 9, 1994
Patty Williamson .....	January 9, 1994
Larry W. Taylor .....	January 8, 1995
James R. Thompson .....	* January 8, 1995
Betty L. Buss .....	January 21, 1996
Leslie D. Hines, Jr. ....	January 21, 1996
Jay Safley .....	* January 19, 1997
John E. Shanks .....	January 19, 1997
John Bowen .....	January 8, 1995
A. Dent Sullivan .....	January 24, 1999
Josephine W. Beall .....	January 23, 2000
James Graeber .....	January 23, 2000
Ann Hancock .....	January 20, 2002
John W. McMenemy .....	January 20, 2002
June R. Dawkins .....	January 20, 2002

\* The date used in this case is the date of installation at First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir. Since no date of ordination is given, it is assumed that these persons were previously ordained in another church.

Note: All elders are listed only once, even though they may have served several terms.

## Deacons

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
Matthias A. Bernhardt .....	April 25, 1863
Hugh C. Hamilton .....	April 25, 1863
G.W.F. Harper .....	February 23, 1868
Henry C. Dixon .....	April 5, 1874
S. Wilson Hamilton .....	September 9, 1877
John M. Bernhardt .....	October 23, 1886
John W. Kirby .....	March, 1891
Edward F. Reid .....	April 4, 1891
J. Harper Beall .....	August 22, 1892
C. M. Sigmon .....	
George F. Harper .....	April 4, 1909
Ralph H. Spainhour .....	April 4, 1909
J. R. Boulware .....	April 4, 1909
Richard A. Ramseur .....	October 29, 1911
James Edward Martin .....	March 2, 1913
Poley M. Keever .....	March 2, 1913
William H. Craddock .....	March 2, 1913
D. Luther Hoffman .....	March 7, 1915
Samuel W. Lawrence .....	March 7, 1915

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
Robert C. Lyerly .....	March 7, 1915
Virgil D. Guire .....	
Rufus L. Gwyn .....	
James Turner Pritchett .....	October 19, 1919
D. Walter Turner .....	October 19, 1919
Hardin B. Rash .....	October 19, 1919
L. Bascom Martin .....	1919
Jacob A. Bush .....	February 17, 1924
James C. Harper .....	February 17, 1924
W. Clyde Suddreth .....	February 2, 1930
Stanley S. Jennings .....	February 2, 1930
Laudie E. Dimmette .....	February 2, 1930
Clarence S. Warren .....	December 19, 1937
Augustus Cloer .....	December 19, 1937
G. G. Ludwig .....	December 19, 1937
R. F. Reins .....	December 19, 1937
F. A. Thompson .....	December 19, 1937
Charles B. Pegram .....	December 19, 1937
Walter J. Spainhour .....	December 19, 1937



NAME	DATE FIRST INSTALLED
John Barr Houston .....	December 19, 1937
Fate. J. Beal .....	October 6, 1946
J. Harper Beall, Jr. ....	October 6, 1946
John Christian Bernhardt .....	October 6, 1946
Duncan Hunter .....	October 6, 1946
Herbert B. Jennings .....	October 6, 1946
George W. Kirsten, Jr. ....	October 6, 1946
Pinckney L. Lackey .....	October 6, 1946
Fred A. Long .....	October 6, 1946
Roger M. McGirt .....	October 6, 1946
Lynn R. Bernhardt .....	February 27, 1949
George Lewis Bernhardt ...	December 31, 1950
A. A. McLean, Jr., M.D. ....	May 1, 1949
Dr. Dennis S. Cook .....	April 6, 1952
Turner W. Nelson .....	April 6, 1952
Jack E. Walsh .....	April 6, 1952
W. Gordon Rainbolt .....	April 6, 1952
George C. Robbins .....	April 6, 1952
Aiji Tashiro .....	March 29, 1953
T. Glen Miller, Jr. ....	March 29, 1953
George Lynn Bernhardt .....	March 29, 1953
J. Talmadge Ennis .....	March 29, 1953
Austin Allen .....	October 3, 1954
J. Cecil Scroggs .....	October 3, 1954
Orrin Robbins .....	December 11, 1955
H. Penn Bernhardt .....	December 11, 1955
W. S. Clements .....	December 11, 1955
Stanley Crisp .....	December 11, 1955
G. Fred Foard .....	December 11, 1955
Mason Hollifield .....	December 11, 1955
Donald W. Lackey .....	December 11, 1955
Joe Nash .....	January 20, 1957
T. M. Robbins .....	January 20, 1957
Henry C. McFadyen .....	January 20, 1957
Allan A. Welch .....	January 20, 1957
Harry Jordan .....	December 15, 1957
James M. McCarl .....	December 15, 1957
Lander Thompson .....	December 15, 1957
Henry Bagley .....	December 14, 1958
Granville Myers .....	December 14, 1958
David Spainhour .....	December 14, 1958
Lloyd Woolley .....	December 14, 1958
Sam Hartley .....	January 10, 1959
Leslie Hines .....	January 10, 1959
Lawrence Kelley .....	January 10, 1959
Franklin Moore .....	January 10, 1959
Jack Buss .....	January 1, 1961
Boyd Fall .....	January 1, 1961
Fred McMillan, Jr. ....	January 1, 1961
Robert Styres .....	January 1, 1961
Wesley Collins .....	February 11, 1962
Joseph Good .....	February 11, 1962
T. Henry Wilson, Jr. ....	February 11, 1962

NAME	DATE FIRST INSTALLED
Joel Dimmette .....	January 27, 1963
Edwin Schell .....	January 27, 1963
Bill D. Suddreth .....	January 27, 1963
Vance Kennerly .....	January 27, 1963
Robert G. Moore, Jr. ....	January 12, 1964
Frank Dorman .....	January 12, 1964
Jack Barringer .....	January 10, 1965
Dan Johnson .....	January 10, 1965
John McCurry .....	January 10, 1965
Donald Baker .....	January 10, 1965
David Williams .....	January 10, 1965
J. Harper Beall III .....	February 13, 1966
J. Edwin George .....	February 13, 1966
William B. Stronach, Jr. ....	February 13, 1966
David Myrick .....	February 13, 1966
Alex Bernhardt .....	October 30, 1966
Ed Biddix .....	December 11, 1966
John Bolt .....	December 31, 1967
James C. Harper, Jr. ....	December 31, 1967
William H. Strawn .....	December 31, 1967
Milton Thompson .....	December 31, 1967
Onnie Bailey, Jr. ....	January 5, 1969
Bud Brown .....	January 5, 1969
F. Edward Poteat .....	January 5, 1969
Gerald Coffey .....	December 28, 1969
Mike Gibbons .....	December 28, 1969
Bruce Greene .....	December 28, 1969
Wesley Purdie .....	December 28, 1969
John Hendee .....	December 27, 1970
Kathleen Hendrix .....	December 27, 1970
Sarah Lackey .....	December 27, 1970
Charles Troutman .....	December 27, 1970
Thomas Broyhill .....	December 31, 1972
William S. Forbis .....	December 31, 1972
Rufus C. Gwyn .....	December 31, 1972
George Hancock .....	December 31, 1972
Lucy F. McCarl .....	December 31, 1972
John E. Shanks .....	December 31, 1972
Mary S. Styres .....	December 31, 1972
Rodgers White .....	December 31, 1972
Charles Helm .....	January 19, 1975
Robert Belk .....	January 19, 1975
Jack Perry .....	January 19, 1975
Barry Spicer .....	January 19, 1975
Bruce Vanderbloemen .....	January 19, 1975
Beverly Beal .....	January 9, 1977
Marshall Murdock .....	January 9, 1977
Phillip Burns .....	January 9, 1977
Betty Brown .....	January 9, 1977
John Beall .....	January 7, 1979
George L. Bernhardt, Jr. ....	January 7, 1979
Ted Holcher .....	January 7, 1979
Jack McCreary .....	* January 7, 1979

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
Donald McNeill, Jr. ....	January 7, 1979
Fred Mitchell ....	January 7, 1979
David Ayers ....	January 4, 1981
Gary Bradford ....	January 4, 1981
Hunter Pitts ....	January 4, 1981
Charles E. Reiley ....	* January 4, 1981
Thomas M. Bernhardt ....	January 9, 1983
Dale Griffith ....	January 9, 1983
Gary Renegar ....	January 9, 1983
Joyce White ....	January 9, 1983
William Bair ....	* January 6, 1985
Lewis Norman ....	January 6, 1985
Stephen Sime ....	January 6, 1985
Mildred Williams ....	January 6, 1985
Nancy Cruden ....	January 6, 1985
Robert Powers ....	January 6, 1985
Judy Beal ....	January 4, 1986
Don Campbell ....	January 4, 1986
Don Essenberg ....	January 4, 1986
Byron Tolbert ....	January 4, 1986
Charles Corriher, Jr. ....	January 10, 1988
Joseph C. Delk, III ....	January 10, 1988
James L. Graeber ....	* January 10, 1988
Tracy Little ....	January 10, 1988
Scott Ross ....	January 10, 1988
Betty Buss ....	January 8, 1989
Russell Clark ....	* January 8, 1989
Monte Coffey ....	January 8, 1989
Jennie Deal ....	January 8, 1989
Larry Taylor ....	January 8, 1989
Ann M. Gibbons ....	January 7, 1990
J. Harlton McKee ....	* January 7, 1990
John G. Tye ....	January 7, 1990
Donald K. Allen ....	January 6, 1991
Dottie Darsie ....	January 6, 1991
Fred L. Flora, Jr. ....	* January 6, 1991
Steven A. Strange ....	* January 6, 1991
A. Dent Sullivan ....	January 12, 1992
Linda C. Upchurch ....	January 12, 1992
Josephine Beall ....	January 10, 1993
B. C. Crawford ....	January 10, 1993
Ben Dawkins, III ....	* January 10, 1993
Tate McKee ....	January 10, 1993
Thomas Melton, Jr. ....	* January 10, 1993

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST INSTALLED</b>
Frank Bingham ....	January 9, 1994
Johanna Bernhardt ....	January 9, 1994
Randy Lail ....	January 9, 1994
David H. Mangum ....	January 9, 1994
Lynda Renegar ....	January 9, 1994
Michael D. Beal ....	January 8, 1995
John Bowen ....	January 8, 1995
Lucy Richmond McCarl ....	January 8, 1995
Mary C. Pegram ....	January 8, 1995
Carroll D. Tuttle ....	January 21, 1996
Kimberlin Kincaid ....	January 21, 1996
William B. Stronach, III ....	January 21, 1996
Julie Aldred ....	January 19, 1997
Frank Dooley ....	* January 19, 1997
Peter Hancock ....	January 19, 1997
George S. Robinson ....	January 19, 1997
Penny Snyder ....	January 19, 1997
David W. Husman ....	* January 25, 1998
Kim T. Hutchens ....	January 25, 1998
C. Steve Swaim ....	* June 21, 1998
Bob Giduz ....	June 21, 1998
Janis Nash ....	June 21, 1998
John W. McMenemy ....	January 24, 1999
Ann H. Sime ....	January 24, 1999
William H. Smith ....	* January 24, 1999
Lucilla Hooper ....	January 23, 2000
Linda O. Morgan ....	February 20, 2000
Ric Smith ....	January 23, 2000
Chad Keller ....	February 11, 2001
Randal Bast ....	January 20, 2002
Max Dyer ....	April 28, 2002
Tim Fullam ....	January 20, 2002
Judy Lail ....	January 20, 2002
Martha J. Shanks ....	January 20, 2002

\* The date used in this case is the date of installation at First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir. Since the date of ordination is given, it is assumed that these persons were previously ordained in another church.

Note: All deacons are listed only once, even though they may have served several terms.

## Trustees

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST ELECTED</b>
John C. Bernhardt ....	October 27, 1946
James Harper ....	February 15, 1953
R. C. Robbins ....	
Harper Beall, Jr. ....	December 11, 1960
W. Clyde Suddreth ....	May 21, 1961

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE FIRST ELECTED</b>
T. Glen Miller, Jr. ....	October 11, 1964
James C. Harper, Jr. ....	September 26, 1976
Donald Warlick Lackey ....	August 28, 1992
George L. Bernhardt, Sr. ....	March 25, 2002

# APPENDIX TWO

## Roll of Members

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Abernathy, Charles T. ....	Before 1898
Abernethy, Fred .....	08/29/1965
Abernethy, Matilda L. ....	11/28/1859
Abernethy, Sherry (Mrs. Fred) .....	08/29/1965
Adams, John Henry "Jack" .....	11/24/1997
Adams, Nancy (Mrs. John H.) .....	11/24/1997
Adams, Virginia C. ....	05/12/1991
Agee, Brian .....	10/22/2000
Agee, Shannon Dugger (Mrs. Brian) .....	10/22/2000
Aldred, Brett .....	02/24/1991
Aldred, Julie (Mrs. Brett) .....	02/24/1991
Alexander, Eloise McDowell (Mrs. Wm. T.) ....	04/17/1948
Alexander, Ervin McDowell .....	04/04/1948
Alexander, Joe Vance .....	04/01/1945
Alexander, Mary Belle Gibbs .....	09/09/1934
Alexander, Nancy (Mrs. W. E.) .....	06/14/1970
Alexander, W. E. ....	06/14/1970
Alexander, William Theodore .....	04/17/1948
Algee, Sam .....	06/08/1986
Algee, Sylvia (Mrs. Sam) .....	06/08/1986
Allen, Austin .....	12/11/1949
Allen, Carol Hines (Mrs. Donald K.) .....	09/14/1986
Allen, Donald Kenneth .....	09/14/1986
Allen, Jennifer Anne .....	05/30/1993
Allen, Kimberly Jane .....	05/07/1995
Alley, Celia A. ....	07/13/1902
Alley, Cora .....	03/12/1905
Alley, John B. ....	11/30/1924
Alwran, Genevieve .....	04/03/1932
Annas, Mrs. R. A. ....	12/24/1944
Annas, Nina .....	12/24/1944
Archbell, Sidney B. ....	03/27/1932
Armentrout, Daisy .....	09/18/1921
Armentrout, Willie Sue .....	12/01/1920
Arny, Alice C. ....	06/11/1867
Atchley, Clara (Mrs. James H.) .....	11/23/1986
Atchley, James Heath .....	05/15/1988

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Atchley, James H. ....	11/23/1986
Atkins, Delma Allie .....	12/08/1929
Atkins, James R. ....	10/06/1929
Atkins, Linda .....	12/08/1974
Atkins, Lola (Mrs. James R.) .....	10/06/1929
Atkins, Mrs. Thomas .....	10/13/1929
Atkins, Myrtle .....	10/06/1929
Atkins, Nellie Emma .....	09/16/1928
Atkins, Thomas .....	10/13/1929
Auld, George D., Jr. ....	11/30/1958
Auld, Mrs. George D., Jr. ....	11/30/1958
Austell, Heather Brackbill (Mrs. Robt.) .....	06/30/1996
Austin, Anita .....	06/19/2000
Austin, Harvey Jr. ....	03/06/1941
Austin, Iris (Mrs. Millard G.) .....	09/23/1962
Austin, J. J. ....	03/04/1956
Austin, Jana .....	11/11/1961
Austin, Mrs. J. J. ....	03/04/1956
Austin, William Herbert .....	03/15/1931
Austin, Thomas J. ....	11/17/1860
Austin, Cora .....	09/09/1888
Avery, Johnston .....	03/16/1930
Avery, Mrs. I. T. ....	10/25/1941
Ayers, David .....	11/10/1974
Ayers, Susan (Mrs. David) .....	11/10/1974
Babb, Charles .....	02/17/1901
Babb, Mary .....	02/17/1901
Babb, Henry .....	08/27/1905
Babb, Ellie .....	04/08/1906
Badger, Susan .....	05/10/1891
Badger, Laura A. . ....	05/10/1891
Bagley, Jane Douglas .....	04/07/1963
Bagley, Sarah (Mrs. Henry J., Jr.) .....	07/01/1956
Bagley, Sarah Jean .....	04/21/1957
Bagley, Jr., Henry J. ....	07/01/1956
Bailey, Julia (Mrs. Robt.) .....	01/05/1975
Bailey, Michael Keith .....	12/24/1977



NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Bailey, Pamela Lee .....	07/02/1967
Bailey, Robert .....	01/05/1975
Bailey, Ruth (Mrs. Onnie, Jr.) .....	09/23/1962
Bailey, Jr., Onnie .....	09/23/1962
Bair, Brock .....	04/29/1979
Bair, Derek .....	06/03/1984
Bair, Gerry (Mrs. Wm.) .....	04/29/1979
Bair, William .....	04/29/1979
Baird, Joanne (Mrs. Truette) .....	03/23/1958
Baird, Truette .....	03/23/1958
Baker, Barbara Wendell .....	06/07/1981
Baker, Barbara Foard .....	12/30/1962
Baker, Donald H. ....	12/30/1962
Baker, Emma J. ....	07/31/1852
Baker, Martha Barksdale .....	12/02/1984
Baker, Mrs. S. O. ....	04/05/1930
Baker, S. O. ....	04/05/1930
Baker, Susan Foard .....	12/23/1973
Baker, Jr., Donald Holmes .....	03/29/1970
Barger, Katie Leonard .....	10/14/1923
Barger, Mr. W. D. ....	09/10/1944
Barger, Mrs. W. D. ....	09/10/1944
Barger, W. D. ....	10/14/1923
Barksdale, John Marler .....	12/23/1984
Barlow, J. F. ....	09/26/1937
Barlow, Lori .....	12/04/1983
Barlow, Mary (Mrs. Ray) .....	10/28/1923
Barlow, Edith .....	05/05/1900
Barnes, Brian Frederick .....	12/11/1988
Barnes, Frederick Dean .....	12/11/1988
Barnes, Martha Adams (Mrs. F. D.) .....	12/11/1988
Barnes, E. L. ....	12/01/1889
Barnett, Susan Warlick .....	10/01/1995
Barnhardt, Boyd Lucas .....	10/16/1994
Barnhardt, Florence .....	04/24/1960
Barnhardt, Lynn Pyatte (Mrs. Wm. L.) .....	08/28/1960
Barnhardt, Parks .....	05/13/2001
Barnhardt, Sally Smith (Mrs. Boyd L.) .....	10/16/1994
Barringer, Barbara Elizabeth .....	04/18/1965
Barringer, Barbara Beth .....	01/03/1937
Barringer, Daisy H. (Mrs. E. E.) .....	10/21/1934
Barringer, E. E. ....	10/21/1934
Barringer, Hope Edmisten (Mrs. Jack D.) .....	03/18/1956
Barringer, Jack D. ....	03/18/1956
Barringer, Jack Dale .....	04/02/1939
Barringer, James Emmett .....	04/17/1955
Barringer, Jeffrey .....	07/19/1981
Barringer, Joseph Hughey .....	04/17/1955
Barringer, Mrs. Jack D. ....	03/18/1956
Barringer, Jr., Jack Dale .....	04/18/1965
Baskervill, Gene .....	06/29/1941
Baskervill, J. C. ....	06/29/1941
Baskervill, Mrs. J. C. ....	06/29/1941
Baskervill, Mary E. Winkler (Mrs. John C, Jr.) .....	01/03/1937
Baskervill, Jr., John C. ....	06/29/1941
Bast, Paul Randal .....	04/18/1999
Bast, Rebecca Hunter (Mrs. P. Randal) .....	04/18/1999

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Bateman, Elizabeth .....	10/13/1991
Bateman, Mrs. Beth .....	10/13/1991
Bateman, Neal .....	10/13/1991
Baumberger, Michael .....	02/27/1983
Baumberger, Sandra .....	02/27/1983
Beach, Benjamin .....	04/12/1959
Beach, Myrtle (Mrs. Ben) .....	12/05/1950
Beal, Andrew Walton .....	05/07/1995
Beal, Beverly Tate .....	04/17/1955
Beal, David James .....	04/01/1951
Beal, Fate J. ....	05/13/1945
Beal, Faye (Mrs. Fate) .....	05/13/1945
Beal, Jonathan T. ....	06/03/1984
Beal, Judy Harris (Mrs. Beverly) .....	08/29/1971
Beal, Legh Bateman (Mrs. Michael) .....	10/13/1991
Beal, Michael .....	10/13/1991
Beal, Mildred Shelton (Mrs. David) .....	03/12/1967
Beall, Anne Lindsay .....	06/07/1981
Beall, Annie Love .....	05/22/1886
Beall, Bessie Lindsay (Mrs. J. H., Sr.) .....	10/22/1905
Beall, Caroline Finley .....	05/30/1993
Beall, Elizabeth Wilcox .....	04/05/1953
Beall, James Harper .....	02/22/1885
Beall, John Barclay .....	12/22/1957
Beall, Jonathan Barclay .....	05/07/1995
Beall, Josephine W. (Mrs. John B.) .....	10/22/1972
Beall, Laura Cameron .....	05/07/1989
Beall, Lorraine Wilcox (Mrs. J. H., Jr.) .....	09/01/1940
Beall, Margaret Alston .....	05/30/1993
Beall, Mary Melanie .....	04/18/1965
Beall, Mary Lindsay .....	10/24/1915
Beall, Virginia Stuart .....	06/15/1919
Beall, William Stewart .....	05/15/1988
Beall, Brenda Cole (Mrs. J. H., III) .....	01/31/1965
Beall, R. L. ....	Before 1891
Beall, Fannie R. ....	Unknown
Beall, Jane E. ....	Before 1895
Beall, Mary E. ....	05/08/1858
Beall, Mary Jones .....	10/24/1880
Beall, Charles T. ....	04/02/1882
Beall, Bessie C. ....	05/22/1886
Beall, Lewis G. ....	12/16/1891
Beall, Ernest .....	10/24/1880
Beall, Carrie M. ....	11/05/1893
Beall, III, James Harper .....	04/01/1951
Beall, Jr., James Harper .....	07/26/1925
Bean, Archie Kent .....	04/10/1916
Bean, Bonnie .....	10/14/1923
Bean, Eugene W. ....	11/28/1899
Bean, Ida Underdown .....	03/12/1905
Bean, Leannie Foy .....	03/13/1921
Bean, Marjorie Marie .....	03/31/1929
Bean, Mary Annie .....	07/29/1917
Bean, Susie .....	04/11/1926
Bean, Walter .....	09/29/1996
Beaty, Eddie Seth .....	12/08/1929
Beaty, Effa R. ....	11/21/1926

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Beaufort, Margaret .....	10/11/1953
Belk, Clyde .....	05/24/1992
Belk, Donna (Mrs. Robert S.) .....	10/07/1973
Belk, James Thomas .....	05/18/1986
Belk, Jenifer Elizabeth .....	05/30/1993
Belk, Robert Christopher .....	06/13/1982
Belk, Robert S. ....	10/07/1973
Benfield, Mary Nell (Mrs. Bliff) .....	07/13/1969
Benfield, Bertha McNeely (Mrs. J. E.) .....	12/29/1929
Bentley, Keith .....	02/28/1982
Bentley, Sally (Mrs. Keith) .....	02/28/1982
Bernhardt, Allie Henry Penn (Mrs. Matt) .....	01/02/1921
Bernhardt, Anne (Mrs. G. Alex) .....	08/29/1965
Bernhardt, Betsy .....	11/19/1961
Bernhardt, Doris Huffines (Mrs. R. G., Jr.) ....	10/10/1954
Bernhardt, Elizabeth Worth .....	07/06/1930
Bernhardt, Ella Delight (Dell) .....	10/21/1914
Bernhardt, Ellen Harper (Mrs. John M.) .....	10/23/1880
Bernhardt, Emily Snow .....	05/15/1988
Bernhardt, George Lynn .....	01/01/1933
Bernhardt, George Alexander .....	04/05/1953
Bernhardt, George Lewis .....	10/14/1923
Bernhardt, George Harper .....	12/04/1904
Bernhardt, Henry Penn .....	12/22/1935
Bernhardt, Isabel Fontaine .....	06/15/1919
Bernhardt, James Franklin .....	03/30/1975
Bernhardt, James Douglas .....	01/16/1909
Bernhardt, Jane Katherine .....	03/29/1970
Bernhardt, Jane Maury .....	11/13/1927
Bernhardt, Jean Smith (Mrs. Lynn) .....	10/01/1946
Bernhardt, Jean Alexander (Mrs. John C.) ....	11/15/1931
Bernhardt, Jessica Powell .....	08/10/1997
Bernhardt, Johanna (Mrs. Geo. L., Jr.) .....	04/02/1972
Bernhardt, John Seagle .....	04/18/1923
Bernhardt, John Matthias .....	05/08/1881
Bernhardt, John Christian .....	12/10/1916
Bernhardt, Katherine, Jones (Mrs. Geo. L.) ...	08/03/1947
Bernhardt, Lillian Harper .....	06/03/1979
Bernhardt, Lillian Wakefield (Mrs. Geo. H.) ....	12/04/1922
Bernhardt, Lucy Worth .....	12/22/1968
Bernhardt, Lucy Richmond .....	12/12/1896
Bernhardt, Lucy Ramseur .....	04/04/1915
Bernhardt, Lynn Richmond .....	03/31/1929
Bernhardt, Mary McPherson .....	06/07/1981
Bernhardt, Matthias Richmond .....	10/08/1911
Bernhardt, Lucy Richmond (Mrs. G. L.) .....	12/12/1896
Bernhardt, Ruth White (Mrs. Richmond G.) ...	10/24/1915
Bernhardt, Nancy Thornwell .....	04/02/1944
Bernhardt, Peg (Mrs. Thomas) .....	06/22/1980
Bernhardt, Rainey Gamble .....	11/02/1952
Bernhardt, Richmond Gilbert .....	02/14/1909
Bernhardt, Stephen Foxworth .....	12/03/1989
Bernhardt, Thomas Maury .....	04/18/1965
Bernhardt, Virginia R. (Mrs. John S.) .....	06/06/1938
Bernhardt, William Lewis .....	04/21/1946
Bernhardt, Barbara S. ....	07/00/1861
Bernhardt, Matthias A. ....	07/00/1861

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Bernhardt, George S. ....	05/09/1875
Bernhardt, III, George Lynn .....	05/30/1993
Bernhardt, Jr., John Christian .....	04/01/1945
Bernhardt, Jr., John Seagle .....	04/04/1948
Bernhardt, Jr., Lynn Richmond .....	12/21/1958
Bernhardt, Jr., Richmond Gilbert .....	04/10/1938
Bernhardt, Jr., George L. ....	11/19/1961
Bernhardt, Jr., George Alexander .....	12/24/1977
Bernhardt, Jr., John Christian .....	04/01/1945
Bernhardt, Jr., John Seagle .....	04/04/1948
Biddix, Reva (Mrs. G. E., Jr.) .....	05/16/1965
Biddix, Jr., George Edwin .....	05/16/1965
Biegert, Larry .....	08/08/1971
Biegert, Nancy E. Ducker (Mrs. Larry) .....	08/08/1971
Bigger, W. Ike .....	02/01/1931
Bigger, Mrs. W. Ike .....	02/01/1931
Bingham, Carol Ann Hackney .....	02/02/1992
Bingham, Katherine Huddleston .....	05/07/1995
Bingham, Mary Hackney .....	05/04/1997
Bingham, Sarah Fletcher .....	05/09/1999
Bingham, Will .....	05/13/2001
Bingham, William Frank .....	02/02/1992
Bishop, Marjorie .....	05/31/1931
Blake, Stephen .....	09/14/1986
Blevins, Mary .....	01/19/1958
Boggs, Limon .....	11/03/1940
Bolick, Bill J. ....	09/29/1957
Bolick, Mrs. Bill J. ....	09/29/1957
Bolt, John W. ....	08/29/1965
Bolt, John Eugene .....	08/29/1965
Bolt, Mae (Mrs. J. W.) .....	08/29/1965
Bolton, Betty (Mrs. Doug W. J.) .....	09/12/1976
Bolton, Charlotte .....	09/12/1976
Bolton, Douglas W. J. ....	09/12/1976
Bolton, Joseph Benjamin .....	09/12/1976
Borders, Helen Louise .....	04/02/1939
Borders, Robert Leo .....	04/11/1943
Borneman, Philip Harper .....	03/30/1975
Borneman, Shannon Stewart .....	06/03/1979
Bost, Corinne Eller .....	09/21/1919
Bost, Ella .....	Unknown
Bowditch, Miriam .....	01/30/1977
Bowen, John .....	01/26/1986
Bowen, Nancy Morgan (Mrs. John) .....	01/26/1986
Bowen, Scott .....	05/13/2001
Bower, David Malthaner .....	09/19/1920
Bower, James Weed .....	04/07/1940
Bower, Katherine Weed (Mrs. David) .....	03/14/1926
Bower, William Weed .....	04/07/1940
Bower, Jr., David M. ....	01/03/1937
Bowles, Benny H. ....	07/28/1957
Bowman, H. Alfred .....	10/06/1929
Bradford, Caroline (Mrs. Gary) .....	03/04/1979
Bradford, Claire Elizabeth .....	06/03/1979
Bradford, Courtney Annette .....	06/07/1981
Bradford, Gary .....	03/04/1979
Bradley, Frank H. ....	11/19/1922



<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP DATE</b>
Bradley, Harris Walton .....	04/08/1923
Bradley, James Franklin .....	04/18/1948
Bradley, Mary Catherine .....	04/15/1960
Bradley, Mrs. H. Blake .....	03/03/1963
Bradley, Myra Walton .....	11/19/1922
Bradley, Robert Willoughby .....	04/05/1931
Bradley, Jr., James Franklin .....	04/17/1955
Brady, Barbara Griffin .....	03/28/1982
Brady, Charles .....	03/28/1982
Bramble, Ann Johnson (Mrs. Michael) .....	09/30/1979
Bramble, Michael .....	09/30/1979
Branch, B. Jason .....	03/12/1967
Branch, Mrs. B. Jason .....	03/12/1967
Brand, III, Frank Johnson "John" .....	05/04/1997
Brantley, Molly Beth .....	09/26/1999
Brantley, Tom .....	09/26/1999
Brawley, Charlotte R. ....	07/01/1920
Brawley, Edna Virginia .....	07/01/1920
Brawley, Edna Shell .....	07/01/1920
Brawley, John .....	01/17/1967
Brawley, John M. ....	07/01/1920
Brawley, Rebecca Jane .....	12/21/1958
Brawley, Richard Lee .....	05/30/1954
Brawley, Velma Hayes .....	05/05/1946
Brawley, William Scott .....	07/01/1920
Brawley, Jr., William Scott .....	07/01/1920
Brice, Mrs. William McC. ....	12/08/1929
Brice, William McC. ....	12/08/1929
Brinkley, Gloria .....	08/23/1959
Brooker, Mary (Mrs. Nat) .....	06/17/1973
Brookling, Lillie D. ....	12/13/1981
Brown, Alma .....	06/05/1926
Brown, Barbara .....	11/06/1960
Brown, Betty J. Moore (Mrs. Bud L.) .....	10/29/1967
Brown, Bud Lawrence .....	10/29/1967
Brown, Chris .....	01/22/1999
Brown, Christina Jean .....	05/18/1986
Brown, Deborah Joyce .....	12/22/1968
Brown, Dennis James .....	03/23/1958
Brown, Edith .....	06/05/1926
Brown, Edna Cloninger (Mrs. Fred H.) .....	06/05/1926
Brown, Frederick H. ....	06/05/1926
Brown, James David .....	09/03/1972
Brown, Jan (Mrs. J. D.) .....	09/03/1972
Brown, Lawrence Edward .....	04/08/1971
Brown, Mary Belle .....	06/05/1926
Brown, A. ....	Unknown
Brown, John A. ....	Unknown
Brown, James M. ....	03/01/1880
Brown, Fannie R. ....	03/01/1880
Brown, Laura C. ....	03/01/1880
Brown, Mary B. ....	03/01/1880
Broyhill, Peg (Mrs. Thomas W.) .....	02/28/1971
Broyhill, Susie Bean .....	11/23/1965
Broyhill, Theodora Morgan .....	11/04/1900
Broyhill, Thomas W. ....	02/28/1971
Bryant, Frances Willard .....	10/06/1929

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Bryant, Lillie May .....	10/06/1929
Bryant, Mary .....	05/26/1929
Bryant, Mrs. Lee .....	10/06/1929
Bryant, Nellie .....	10/05/1924
Bryant, Pearl .....	07/30/1922
Bryson, Craig .....	10/22/2000
Bulot, Carole (Mrs. Paul A.) .....	05/27/1990
Bulot, Mark .....	05/27/1990
Bulot, Paul A. ....	05/27/1990
Bumgarner, Bruce Wilson .....	04/04/1948
Bumgarner, Herbert Carl .....	04/04/1948
Bumgarner, Larry Carl .....	04/09/1950
Bumgarner, Margaret Greene .....	04/04/1948
Burch, Donna Jean (Mrs. Larry G.) .....	05/24/1992
Burch, Larry Gene .....	05/24/1982
Burch, Mary Marjorie .....	05/24/1992
Burch, Nancy Ann .....	05/24/1992
Burgess, Dorothy Kay .....	04/02/1944
Burgess, Samuel Maurice .....	03/16/1941
Burgin, Arthurine .....	09/27/1959
Burgin, Billy Charles .....	11/03/1963
Burgin, Melissa Dawn .....	12/22/1991
Burns, Alice M. ....	10/16/1988
Burns, Keith Douglas .....	06/06/1982
Burns, Kevin Lee .....	06/07/1981
Burns, Martha Pritchett .....	12/14/1969
Burns, Phillip .....	12/14/1969
Bush, Ambrose A. ....	10/03/1920
Bush, Betty Lou .....	04/10/1938
Bush, Bobby Wesley .....	10/02/1938
Bush, David Leggette .....	04/09/1950
Bush, Elizabeth .....	04/08/1923
Bush, Essie Day (Mrs. Jacob) .....	03/14/1915
Bush, Evanna .....	08/26/1984
Bush, Jacob A. ....	10/03/1920
Bush, James Claude .....	12/17/1916
Bush, Julius Pinckney .....	08/28/1938
Bush, Larry Preston .....	04/18/1954
Bush, Margaret Alice .....	11/27/1927
Bush, Mary Bonnie .....	10/10/1920
Bush, Mattie Baker .....	02/04/1906
Bush, Michael .....	06/03/1984
Bush, Eva Leggett (Mrs. J. Claude) .....	04/06/1947
Bush, Mrs. Julius Pinckney .....	10/02/1938
Bush, Mrs. Mattie B. ....	02/04/1906
Bush, William Ervin .....	01/14/1909
Bush, Jr., Jacob A. ....	10/03/1920
Bush, Jr., James Claude .....	04/06/1947
Busko, Robert .....	04/06/1975
Busko, Sarah (Mrs. Robt.) .....	04/06/1975
Buss, Betty (Mrs. Jack) .....	03/27/1960
Buss, Elizabeth Swan .....	12/23/1973
Buss, Jack .....	10/26/1958
Buss, Jason Blum .....	06/07/1981
Buss, Paul Milton .....	04/15/1976
Butler, Karen Ann .....	05/12/1957
Byrd, Mrs. Thomas .....	08/18/1974



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Byrd, Thomas .....	08/18/1974
Caison, Mary .....	10/07/1923
Caison, Mary .....	10/07/1923
Callahan, Mike .....	01/26/1997
Callahan, Shelia (Mrs. Mike) .....	01/26/1997
Callanan, Dare Winkler (Mrs. John) .....	01/26/1986
Calloway, John M. ....	09/11/1955
Calloway, Mrs. John M. ....	09/11/1955
Campbell, Avery Newland .....	09/18/1927
Campbell, Bessie .....	07/14/1935
Campbell, Herbert Donald .....	11/02/1919
Campbell, Isabell F. ....	07/04/1926
Campbell, L. Don .....	12/18/1983
Campbell, Mrs. John .....	10/08/1928
Campbell, Mrs. Mary P. ....	09/09/1934
Campbell, Mrs. Robert C. ....	11/07/1920
Campbell, Raymond G. ....	04/07/1940
Campbell, Robert C. ....	01/29/1907
Campbell, Robert Leroy .....	09/09/1934
Campbell, Ruth Green (Mrs. L. Don) .....	12/18/1983
Campbell, Willie Mae .....	05/12/1935
Campbell, Mary Frances .....	11/30/1887
Campbell, Cornelia A. ....	06/14/1891
Cannon, Ethel .....	10/08/1928
Cannon, John T. ....	10/08/1928
Cannon, Lillian .....	05/03/1925
Cannon, Mary Irene .....	01/24/1926
Cannon, Mrs. B. C. ....	12/21/1926
Cannon, Nina D. ....	02/28/1932
Carlisle, J. A. ....	10/06/1929
Carlisle, James A. ....	03/12/1967
Carlisle, Jean Elizabeth .....	06/16/1940
Carlisle, Laurie Verne .....	06/16/1940
Carlisle, Mrs. James A. ....	03/12/1967
Carlisle, Sadie Hood .....	10/24/1919
Carpenter, Mabel .....	06/19/2000
Carper, Joseph Fred .....	08/20/1961
Carr, James .....	11/27/1925
Carr, Mrs. James .....	11/27/1925
Carson, Nancy Jane McNeil .....	10/26/1958
Carswell, Jane T. ....	10/11/1961
Carter, Isabel Campbell .....	07/04/1926
Carter, Janet Arnett (Mrs. T. E.) .....	05/19/1985
Carter, Thomas Edwards .....	05/19/1985
Carter, Eva .....	04/15/1906
Casabonne, David Peter .....	10/19/1969
Casabonne, Marilyn Innes (Mrs. Paul J.) .....	10/19/1969
Casabonne, Nancy Lynn .....	03/29/1970
Casabonne, Paul Julien .....	10/19/1969
Cassell, J. Eris .....	05/20/1923
Caudle, Allen Davis, Jr. ....	04/10/1938
Caudle, Barbara Jean .....	03/06/1941
Caudle, Billie Sue .....	04/05/1942
Caudle, John Allen .....	04/09/1950
Caudle, Louise Douglas .....	04/10/1938
Caudle, Margaret Lindsay .....	04/18/1923
Caudle, Margaret Lindsay .....	04/08/1923

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Chamberlain, Pearl .....	11/06/1927
Chamberlain, Stanley P. ....	11/06/1927
Chandler, Cindy Sue .....	05/31/1998
Chapman, James A. ....	05/05/1946
Chapman, Jennifer .....	11/21/1999
Chapman, Martha .....	05/05/1946
Charnock, Katherine Ann .....	08/19/1973
Charnock, Linda Lou .....	12/23/1973
Charnock, Mrs. Ryland .....	08/19/1973
Charnock, Ryland .....	08/19/1973
Chester, P. Avery .....	07/17/1921
Chester, Violet .....	07/17/1921
Chester, Violet .....	10/05/1930
Childers, Bynum B. ....	12/09/1923
Childers, Carolyn Ann .....	11/28/1966
Childers, Carolyn Ann .....	04/29/1956
Childers, Desdemona Phillips .....	11/20/1917
Childers, Garland .....	04/08/1923
Childers, Henry Eugene .....	12/17/1916
Childers, John M. ....	11/19/1917
Childers, John Summey .....	12/17/1916
Childers, Laura Elizabeth .....	03/18/1956
Childers, Lois (Mrs. John S.) .....	11/21/1943
Childers, Mrs. Desdemona P. ....	11/20/1917
Childers, Viola (Mrs. Garland) .....	12/15/1946
Childers, William C. ....	11/17/1922
Church, J. M. ....	01/12/1909
Claffee, Eva (Mrs. James) .....	01/18/1981
Claffee, James N. ....	01/18/1981
Clark, Barbara Watson (Mrs. Eugene) .....	04/05/1953
Clark, Betty Jo Wallace (Mrs. Russell) .....	05/20/1984
Clark, Candie .....	06/19/2000
Clark, Dana .....	06/19/2000
Clark, Harold .....	08/12/1979
Clark, Hope Suddreth .....	02/27/1944
Clark, Jeffrey Alexander .....	06/03/1979
Clark, Linda (Mrs. Harold) .....	08/12/1979
Clark, Russell .....	05/20/1984
Clark, Margaret A. ....	10/06/1901
Clark, Louis R. ....	10/06/1901
Clarke, Clarence .....	06/15/1919
Clarke, Diamond .....	10/06/1929
Clarke, Ellen Hartley .....	10/27/1929
Clarke, John Donald .....	07/21/1946
Clarke, John M. ....	02/14/1926
Clarke, Josephine Fitzgerald .....	02/14/1926
Clarke, Mrs. Ellen Hartley .....	10/27/1929
Clarke, Susan .....	07/31/1852
Clarke, Emma .....	07/00/1861
Clarke, Annie .....	07/20/1892
Clement, Michael Francis .....	04/08/1971
Clement, Sharon Lee .....	09/07/1969
Clements, Martha .....	10/27/1946
Clements, W. S. ....	10/27/1946
Cline, Erin .....	08/01/1907
Cline, Beulah .....	10/02/1908
Clodfelter, Mr. D. K. ....	10/26/1941

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Clodfelter, Patricia B. ....	10/26/1941
Cloer, Amelia Eberhardt .....	04/11/1925
Cloer, Augustus .....	04/11/1925
Cloer, Ella Josephine .....	11/04/1934
Cloer, Gwendolyn .....	09/02/1934
Cloer, Laurence S. ....	03/05/1910
Cloer, Minnie Watson .....	03/05/1910
Cloer, Mary Lee .....	12/20/1908
Clouse, Arnold Maxwell .....	12/06/1987
Clouse, Catheryne Grayce .....	04/17/1989
Clouse, Chad Meredith .....	12/06/1987
Clouse, Judith (Mrs. A. M.) .....	12/06/1987
Cloyd, Annette Rankin .....	05/23/1868
Cloyd, Stella Delight .....	02/24/1901
Cloyd, Mary Lee .....	05/28/1899
Cobean, Jennie K. ....	03/28/1926
Cochran, Donna (Mrs. Thomas) .....	11/02/1986
Cochran, Thomas .....	11/02/1986
Coffey, Ann Treece .....	06/07/1981
Coffey, Annie Neely (Mrs. Harold) .....	09/02/1923
Coffey, Archibald D. ....	04/09/1916
Coffey, Archibald D. ....	04/10/1916
Coffey, Carol .....	12/26/1948
Coffey, Collett C. ....	10/13/1935
Coffey, Collett .....	12/26/1948
Coffey, Ethel Elizabeth .....	04/06/1913
Coffey, Finley H. ....	10/03/1920
Coffey, Gerald Bruce .....	10/29/1967
Coffey, Harold Finley .....	02/14/1909
Coffey, Katelan .....	05/13/2001
Coffey, Mabel Irene .....	11/17/1907
Coffey, Mary Frances .....	01/22/1950
Coffey, Monte .....	04/10/1966
Coffey, Mrs. Frances .....	10/13/1935
Coffey, Pamela Treece (Mrs. G. B) .....	10/29/1967
Coffey, Rose Freeze .....	10/06/1907
Coley, Harriet Ellen .....	06/05/1892
Collins, Annette Bajou (Mrs. R. C.) .....	09/26/1993
Collins, B. W. ....	01/26/1958
Collins, Jane Dearmin .....	12/22/1968
Collins, Lana Jean .....	01/26/1958
Collins, Lona Jean .....	01/26/1958
Collins, Margaret .....	01/26/1958
Collins, Mrs. B. W. ....	01/26/1958
Collins, Mrs. Wesley E. ....	09/21/1958
Collins, Russell Clyde .....	09/26/1993
Collins, Samuel Stone .....	04/18/1965
Collins, Wesley E. ....	09/21/1958
Collins, Jr., Wesley Enoch .....	12/23/1973
Conner, Linda .....	10/16/1983
Cook, Annabell Allen (Mrs. D. S.) .....	12/10/1939
Cook, Carl .....	12/22/1957
Cook, Carol Kae .....	04/13/1952
Cook, Dennis Shelton .....	12/10/1939
Cook, Dennis Shelton, Jr. ....	04/06/1947
Cook, Ethel Carolyn .....	04/18/1954
Cook, Johnny Mack .....	04/12/1959

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Cook, Leonard Horton .....	04/07/1963
Cook, Marilyn (Mrs. D. S., Jr.) .....	05/16/1965
Cook, Mrs. Ira Evelyn Reid Horton .....	12/15/1957
Cook, William Coy .....	12/23/1973
Cook, Jr., Dennis Shelton .....	04/06/1947
Cooke, Jane Hamilton D. (Mrs. W. W.) .....	10/25/1987
Cooke, William Wade .....	10/25/1987
Cooke, Jr., William Wade .....	02/09/1986
Cooper, Anna (James) .....	11/25/1952
Corley, Edith Louise .....	04/05/1931
Corley, Edward S. ....	09/06/1908
Corley, Florence Estelle .....	04/21/1929
Corley, Harriet .....	09/06/1908
Corley, Josie (Mrs Robert) .....	06/30/1929
Corley, Robert .....	10/06/1929
Corley, Susie Mae .....	04/05/1931
Cornwell, Lillie S. ....	06/03/1917
Corpening, Elizabeth .....	Unknown
Correll, Bernice Sipes (Mrs. Deward) .....	06/01/1969
Correll, Cynthia Leigh .....	03/29/1970
Correll, Vickie Lynn .....	07/13/1969
Correll, Mary .....	01/16/1909
Correll, Thomas .....	01/14/1909
Corriher, Amanda .....	05/13/2001
Corriher, Jeannie (Mrs. Charles R., Jr.) .....	02/26/1984
Corriher, Jennifer Anne .....	05/30/1993
Corriher, Jr., Charles R. ....	02/26/1984
Cottrell, A. Y. ....	03/13/1913
Cottrell, A. Y. ....	03/23/1905
Cottrell, A. Y. ....	03/23/1913
Cottrell, Carrie B. ....	03/26/1905
Cottrell, J. Lee .....	11/04/1940
Coulter, Carolyn (Mrs. A. B., Sr.) .....	11/11/1962
Coulter, Sr., Arthur Bruce .....	11/11/1962
Courtney, Alma Seagle .....	10/21/1914
Cowles, Bessie Allen .....	09/09/1917
Cowles, Joseph .....	03/05/1910
Cox, Parker Lee .....	06/03/1984
Cozart, Arnold Leroy .....	10/16/1977
Cozart, Carrie Michelle .....	06/03/1979
Cozart, Lynn Elizabeth .....	10/16/1977
Cozart, Norma (Mrs. W. H., Jr.) .....	10/16/1977
Cozart, Jr., William Hoyt .....	10/16/1977
Craddock, Elizabeth Jane .....	04/11/1915
Craddock, Mrs. Matie Barlow .....	03/26/1905
Craddock, William H. ....	03/26/1905
Craig, Cordie Hartley .....	09/26/1909
Craig, Fannie .....	10/28/1923
Craig, Hattie .....	10/28/1923
Craig, John W. ....	09/26/1909
Craig, Johnsie E. ....	02/03/1907
Crawford, B C .....	08/26/1984
Crawford, Barry A. ....	06/30/1985
Crawford, Bonnie (Mrs. B C) .....	08/26/1984
Crawford, Jim Lynn .....	04/26/1999
Crawford, Joyce (Mrs. Barry A.) .....	06/30/1985
Crawford, Melinda L. ....	04/26/1999



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Crawford, R. Walter .....	Unknown
Creason, Evelyn E. (Mrs. G. L.) .....	10/26/1975
Creason, Gary Lynn .....	10/26/1975
Creason, John Cunningham .....	05/19/1991
Creason, Jr., Gary Lynn .....	06/07/1981
Crenshaw, Furman W. ....	10/25/1936
Crews, Austin .....	09/16/1946
Crews, Charles Eddie .....	10/03/1949
Crews, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. C. E.) .....	10/03/1949
Crews, Mary Elizabeth .....	07/17/1921
Crews, Nancy Jane .....	04/07/1963
Crichton, Nancy .....	04/03/1932
Crisp, Ann (Mrs. Walter) .....	01/25/1948
Crisp, Dale Franklin .....	04/15/1960
Crisp, Edna Mrs. M. A.) .....	10/07/1906
Crisp, Ellen (Mrs. Stanley) .....	11/09/1975
Crisp, Ellie T. (Mrs. Stanley) .....	04/02/1944
Crisp, Eunice Boyd .....	01/09/1926
Crisp, Gladys Garrett .....	04/08/1929
Crisp, Grace .....	12/04/1927
Crisp, Irene .....	12/04/1927
Crisp, Jane Elizabeth .....	04/17/1955
Crisp, Jo Ann .....	04/02/1944
Crisp, Jo Anne .....	04/02/1944
Crisp, John David .....	04/21/1946
Crisp, M. E. ....	01/09/1926
Crisp, Maude .....	10/21/1923
Crisp, Millard A. ....	10/13/1929
Crisp, Milton .....	01/09/1927
Crisp, Mrs. Ellie T. ....	04/02/1944
Crisp, Nancy Lee .....	04/07/1949
Crisp, Robert Edward Lee .....	01/28/1934
Crisp, Stanley Eugene .....	04/09/1916
Crisp, Stanley Eugene .....	04/10/1916
Crisp, Walter .....	10/06/1929
Crisp, Willard Jr. ....	10/03/1920
Crisp, Jr., Millard .....	10/03/1920
Crisp, Sr., Millard A. ....	10/13/1929
Critcher, Harriet Greer .....	12/26/1943
Critz, Linda (Mrs. Steve) .....	11/10/1974
Critz, Steve .....	11/10/1974
Crosby, David .....	12/21/1986
Cruden, Ann Elizabeth .....	12/18/1988
Cruden, Gracelyn .....	05/13/2001
Cruden, Katherine Proctor .....	12/18/1988
Cruden, Nancy (Mrs. Thomas) .....	01/16/1983
Crump, Earnest A. ....	10/13/1929
Crump, Ernest A. ....	10/13/1929
Crump, Gladys Fay Hood .....	05/13/1923
Crump, Jerry Lee .....	04/01/1945
Crump, Sarah Louise .....	05/14/1950
Crump, Nellie S. ....	Unknown
Crysal, J. T. ....	01/04/1931
Crysal, Mrs. J. T. ....	01/04/1931
Crysel, J. T. ....	01/04/1931
Crysel, Mrs. J. T. ....	01/04/1931
Cude, Dorothy Gwyn (Mrs. Lee, Jr.) .....	02/15/1970

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Cude, Jr., Lee .....	02/15/1970
Cummings, Margaret P. ....	12/08/1946
Curlee, Charles S. ....	11/23/1924
Currie, Lois (Mrs. Grover) .....	02/24/1974
Currie, Margaret D. (Mrs. G. C., Jr.) .....	11/09/1969
Currie, Jr., Grover C. ....	11/09/1969
Curry, Harold L. ....	05/04/1952
Curry, Mildred Sprankle .....	05/04/1952
Curtis, Harry Lee .....	09/03/1939
Dale, Bonnie (Mrs. Wm.) .....	11/13/1983
Dale, Jonathan Smith .....	05/19/1991
Dale, Kevin Thomas .....	05/07/1995
Dale, William .....	11/13/1983
Dale, Jr., William Stephen .....	05/15/1988
Danieley, Jeanette (Mrs. Leo) .....	10/12/1952
Danieley, Jeanette .....	10/12/1942
Danieley, Jeanette R. ....	11/30/1958
Danieley, Leo .....	10/12/1952
Danieley, Leo .....	10/12/1942
Daniels, Kathy David (Mrs. M. L., IV) .....	01/17/1993
Daniels, Tori .....	05/13/2001
Daniels, IV, Moncie Lee (Mickey) .....	01/17/1993
Danner, Donna (Mrs. Harvey) .....	09/04/1977
Danner, Harvey .....	09/04/1977
Danner, Kathryn Crowe .....	05/19/1991
Danner, Taylor Marian .....	05/09/1999
Darsie, Dorothy Adams (Mrs. James L.) .....	01/13/1980
Darsie, Emily Rebecca .....	05/30/1993
Darsie, James Leigh .....	01/13/1980
Darsie, Julie Catharine .....	05/18/1986
Darsie, Stephen Burns .....	05/19/1991
Davidson, Virginia .....	02/06/1983
Davidson, William Lee .....	10/19/1997
Davis, Ethel Estelle .....	10/06/1929
Davis, Irene .....	10/06/1929
Davis, James Elgie .....	10/06/1929
Davis, Jamey .....	12/04/1983
Davis, Maria .....	10/01/1995
Davis, Mary Katherine "Kate" (Mrs. M. D.) .....	12/02/1984
Davis, Matthew Dyson .....	12/02/1984
Davis, Natalie Patrice .....	05/09/1999
Davis, Patrice .....	01/26/1997
Davis, Roy A. ....	10/06/1929
Davis, Zora Annie .....	10/06/1929
Davison, Carol Lilian .....	03/30/1975
Davison, Elizabeth Lynn .....	04/15/1976
Davison, Faith (Mrs. Frank) .....	01/02/1975
Davison, Helen Louise .....	01/02/1975
Davison, Laura Lee .....	06/03/1979
Dawkins, Allison .....	02/24/1991
Dawkins, June (Mrs. Ben, III) .....	02/24/1991
Dawkins, III, Ben .....	02/24/1991
Dawson, E. Scott .....	08/10/1997
Dawson, Jacob .....	05/13/2001
Dawson, Leah Elizabeth .....	05/09/1999
Dawson, Lois Pelgrin .....	08/10/1997
Dawson, Micah .....	05/04/1997



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Dawson, Rhonda (Mrs. Gerrit) .....	02/24/1991
Day, Mrs. R. Jerusha .....	06/12/1921
Day, R. Jerusha .....	06/12/1921
Deal, Adam Goodman .....	05/19/1991
Deal, Alonzo .....	11/13/1923
Deal, Andrew .....	11/13/1923
Deal, Annie .....	11/13/1923
Deal, Carrie Connell .....	05/19/1991
Deal, Jane .....	11/13/1923
Deal, Jenny (Mrs. Tony) .....	09/16/1974
Deal, John Abel .....	08/08/1943
Deal, John E. ....	01/23/1912
Deal, Julia L. ....	01/23/1912
Deal, Mary Rainey .....	01/23/1912
Deal, Mary E. ....	01/23/1912
Deal, Ruby Tolbert .....	08/08/1943
Deal, Tony .....	09/16/1974
Deal, William Raymond .....	03/10/1918
Deal, Susan L. ....	01/19/1896
Dearing, Susan .....	05/25/1975
Deas, John .....	06/08/1986
Delk, Frances (Mrs. J. C., III) .....	01/09/1983
Delk, Jacqueline Elizabeth .....	05/09/1999
Delk, Jennifer Frances .....	05/30/1993
Delk, III, Joseph C. ....	01/09/1983
Delk, IV, Joseph Clay .....	05/04/1997
deRoos, Frans Anton .....	05/10/1981
deRoos, Sarah (Mrs. Frans) .....	05/10/1981
Dickson, Isabella .....	07/31/1852
Dickson, Mary .....	07/31/1852
Dimmette, Anne Boddie .....	06/03/1979
Dimmette, Ashley Leigh .....	04/15/1976
Dimmette, Dulcie Gertrude .....	04/10/1938
Dimmette, Elizabeth Hart .....	06/03/1979
Dimmette, Ervin Holt .....	04/05/1929
Dimmette, Erwin Holt .....	04/05/1931
Dimmette, Joel .....	04/21/1946
Dimmette, June Boddie (Mrs. Joel) .....	06/09/1963
Dimmette, Laudie Ernestine .....	04/02/1944
Dimmette, Laudie Ervin .....	12/00/1922
Dimmette, Laudie Erwin .....	12/22/1922
Dimmette, Laudie Ernestine .....	04/02/1944
Dimmette, Mrs. L. E. ....	12/00/1922
Dimmette, Nan Elizabeth .....	04/02/1939
Dimmette, Nannie H. (Mrs. L. E.) .....	12/00/1922
Dimmette, Nannie H. ....	12/22/1922
Dimmette, Nannie H. ....	12/00/1922
Dimmette, Rebecca Jane .....	04/04/1948
Dix, Jane (Mrs. Tom) .....	10/01/1995
Dix, Tom .....	10/01/1995
Dixon, Henry C. ....	Unknown
Dobbins, Denise (Mrs. Jim) .....	12/19/1982
Dobbins, Jim .....	12/19/1982
Dobbins, III, James Hal .....	06/18/1989
Dooley, Bobbie Dale (Mrs. Frank W.) .....	11/21/1993
Dooley, Frank Wilburn .....	11/21/1993
Dorman, Jenan .....	09/23/1962

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Dorman, Virginia (Mrs. F. C., Jr.) .....	09/23/1962
Dorman, III, Frank C. ....	09/23/1962
Dorman, Jr., Frank C. ....	09/23/1962
Douglas, Emily (Mrs. Wm. G.) .....	03/17/1968
Douglas, William George .....	03/17/1968
Dowdy, Nancy (Mrs. Ronald L.) .....	12/13/1981
Dowdy, Ronald Lynn .....	12/13/1981
Dowdy, Sarah Anne .....	05/30/1993
Downey, James .....	10/07/1973
Downey, Joanne (Mrs. James) .....	10/07/1973
Downs, Bruce .....	10/06/1929
Downs, Frank Whitesides .....	10/02/1938
Drye, Betsy (Mrs. Richard A.) .....	02/24/1974
Drye, Richard A. . ....	02/24/1974
DuBois, Keith .....	12/16/1984
Dudley, Annette Beam (Mrs. Robt. E.) .....	10/13/1991
Dudley, Christopher Edward .....	05/30/1993
Dudley, Robert Edward .....	10/13/1991
Dudley, Ruth Elizabeth "Beth" .....	05/07/1995
Dugger, Bill .....	06/08/1997
Dugger, Teresa .....	06/08/1997
Dula, Annie .....	05/28/1899
Dula, Barbara Ann Tuttle .....	12/16/1951
Dula, Blanche (Mrs. James B., Sr.) .....	06/24/1951
Dula, Charlie .....	11/01/1936
Dula, Eva Elizabeth .....	06/24/1951
Dula, George Witherspoon .....	10/15/1933
Dula, Howard .....	10/14/1923
Dula, James B., Jr. ....	06/24/1951
Dula, Margaret .....	10/21/1923
Dula, Sara Best .....	06/03/1934
Dula, Sidney E. ....	05/28/1899
Dula, Sidney William .....	12/15/1940
Dula, Sidney I. ....	05/28/1899
Dula, Annie (Mrs. Sidney) .....	12/27/1906
Duncan, Ruth .....	04/24/1927
Duncan, Wilhelmina Penland .....	01/17/1926
Duncan, Wilhelmina Penland .....	11/19/1924
Dunlap, Lewis H. ....	06/26/1935
Dunlap, Lucy Faires .....	06/26/1935
Dyer, Kori Bayne .....	02/13/2000
Dyer, Maxwell Kincaid .....	02/13/2000
Dyson, Ada .....	10/21/1923
Dyson, Callie (wife of Zero) .....	11/19/1924
Dyson, Gertie Irene .....	10/02/1927
Dyson, Grace .....	10/21/1923
Dyson, John Russell .....	10/02/1927
Dyson, Junie May .....	10/20/1929
Dyson, Maude .....	10/21/1923
Dyson, Nellie .....	08/01/1937
Dyson, Nellie .....	06/15/1919
Dyson, Robert Lee .....	04/25/1943
Dyson, Virginia .....	12/08/1912
Dyson, William Waddell .....	10/02/1927
Earnhardt, Anna Sophia .....	06/29/1913
Easton, Martyn .....	07/07/2002
Easton, Laura .....	07/07/2002

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Edmisten, Mrs. Coline .....	12/08/1935	Farmer, Judy (Mrs. Don) .....	11/25/1973
Elam, Edwin E. ....	Unknown	Farior, Hester Annie .....	09/25/1927
Elam, Charles G. ....	Unknown	Farris, David .....	07/27/1975
Eller, Corinne .....	09/21/1919	Farthing, Cathy Cosgrove (Mrs. R. D.) .....	10/19/1980
Eller, Grace Isabell .....	09/21/1919	Farthing, Randy Dale .....	10/19/1980
Eller, J. Ben .....	12/15/1929	Farthing, T. Hill .....	04/22/1945
Eller, James Monroe .....	12/08/1929	Faucette, Edward W. ....	07/00/1861
Eller, Jessie C. ....	12/15/1929	Faucette, Sophia .....	07/00/1861
Eller, Jessie Rose .....	01/24/1926	Faucette, James Dunlap .....	Before 1888
Eller, Julius Benjamin, Jr. ....	04/02/1944	Faucette, John Harper .....	05/01/1880
Eller, Katherine Crawford (Mrs. J. Ben.) .....	12/08/1929	Faucette, Jr., Edward W. ....	Unknown
Eller, Melvadean (Mrs. Thomas) .....	02/12/1961	Felts, J. R. ....	02/08/1925
Eller, Mrs. J. Ben, Jr. ....	09/02/1956	Felts, Mrs. J. R. ....	02/08/1925
Eller, Mrs. Rose .....	06/17/1956	Ferguson, Deborah .....	06/19/2000
Eller, Rose (Mrs. J. C.) .....	06/17/1956	Fetner, Eleanor Wearn .....	04/07/1940
Eller, Thomas .....	04/05/1944	Fetner, Laurence Merrill .....	11/28/1937
Eller, Thomas .....	04/02/1944	Fetner, Laurence Merrill, Jr. ....	03/06/1941
Eller, Velma H. ....	04/21/1948	Fetner, Marjorie Wearn .....	03/28/1937
Eller, Jr., Julius Benjamin .....	04/05/1944	Fetner, Marjorie Wearn .....	11/28/1937
Eller, Jr., Mrs. J. Ben .....	09/02/1956	Fetner, Jr., Lawrence Merrill .....	03/06/1941
Ellis, Anna Virginia .....	09/04/1932	Finlayson, Louise (Mrs. Oren A.) .....	06/10/1956
Ellis, Charles E. ....	03/12/1967	Finlayson, Mrs. Oren A. ....	06/10/1956
Ellis, Mary (Mrs. Charles E.) .....	03/12/1967	Finlayson, Oren A. ....	06/10/1956
Ellis, Mrs. Robert L. ....	09/04/1932	Finlayson, Jr., Oren A. ....	04/15/1960
Ellis, Robert L. ....	09/04/1932	Finley, James .....	02/02/1992
Ellis, Velma Jean .....	09/04/1932	Finley, Ellen F. ....	Unknown
Ennis, Beverly Edna .....	04/09/1950	Finley, Martha G. ....	Unknown
Ennis, J. Talmage .....	04/24/1949	Finley, James Robert .....	04/02/1882
Ennis, Lillian Sandra .....	04/05/1953	Fisher, Olga Justina .....	03/17/1968
Ennis, Mrs. J. Talmage .....	04/24/1949	Flemming, Absalom F. ....	Unknown
Erhardt, Anne (Mrs. Charles) .....	04/19/1981	Flora, Fred Leslie .....	09/18/1988
Erhardt, Charles .....	04/19/1981	Flora, Jonathan Andrew .....	05/30/1993
Ervin, Hubert C. ....	09/05/1943	Flora, Megan Elizabeth .....	05/04/1997
Ervin, Mrs. Hubert C. ....	09/05/1943	Floyd, Fannie L. ....	10/03/1920
Ervin, Vickie .....	04/13/1952	Floyd, Fay Ethel .....	06/26/1921
Ervin, Kate Lee .....	10/09/1887	Floyd, Susan Cross (Mrs. Robt.) .....	04/18/1976
Erwin, Barry .....	06/11/1972	Foard, Barbara Ramseur .....	04/02/1944
Erwin, Nancy (Mrs. Barry) .....	06/11/1972	Foard, George Fred .....	04/01/1928
Erwin, Mary A. ....	Unknown	Foard, Lucy Bernhardt (Mrs. G. Fred) .....	04/04/1915
Essenberg, Caryl Ann (Mrs. Donald A.) .....	02/26/1984	Foard, Lucy Bernhardt .....	04/10/1938
Essenberg, Dan .....	10/15/1972	Fonville, Ann (Mrs. Kenneth) .....	12/07/1986
Essenberg, Donald Alan .....	02/26/1984	Fonville, John Kenneth Bryce .....	05/30/1993
Essenberg, Jack .....	10/15/1972	Fonville, Kenneth .....	12/07/1986
Essenberg, Marilyn (Mrs. Jack) .....	10/15/1972	Forbis, Harriet (Mrs. W. S.) .....	06/14/1970
Essenberg, Ronald Scott .....	12/23/1973	Forbis, William Sykes .....	06/14/1970
Estes, Johnsie Roten .....	04/04/1942	Ford, Annie .....	02/27/1929
Estes, Annie P. ....	09/13/1908	Ford, Annie .....	01/27/1929
Etheridge, Newland .....	10/10/1920	Ford, Chas G. ....	11/02/1941
Evans, Thomas J. ....	Unknown	Ford, Clara .....	02/27/1929
Evans, Louise R. ....	Unknown	Ford, Clara .....	01/27/1929
Faber, Jennifer Lee (Mickey) .....	01/17/1993	Ford, Helen .....	01/27/1929
Fail, Cassa .....	02/27/2000	Ford, Lester S. ....	02/27/1929
Fail, Len .....	02/27/2000	Ford, Lester S. ....	01/27/1929
Fall, Boyd E. ....	09/21/1958	Ford, Martha .....	02/27/1929
Fall, Lillian Triplett .....	09/21/1958	Ford, Martha .....	01/27/1929
Fall, Mrs. Boyd E. ....	09/21/1958	Ford, Mrs. Chas G. ....	11/02/1941
Farmer, Don .....	11/25/1973	Forlines, Jane .....	12/17/1972



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Forlines, Joy .....	12/17/1972
Forlines, Julia (Mrs. J. A., Jr.) .....	12/17/1972
Forlines, III, John A. ....	12/17/1972
Forlines, Jr., John A. ....	12/17/1972
Foster, Dorothy Ruth .....	12/23/1973
Foster, John W. ....	07/00/1926
Foster, Mrs. John W. ....	07/00/1926
Foster, Ruthie (Mrs. Robt.) .....	12/23/1973
Foster, Susan Caroline .....	04/15/1976
Foute, Mrs. M. C. ....	09/06/1925
Fowler, Lillie Tuttle (Mrs. F. H.) .....	01/20/1907
Fox, Henry C. ....	04/06/1975
Fox, Lucille (Mrs. Henry C.) .....	04/06/1975
Franzen, Allison Safley (Mrs. Guy T.) .....	02/02/1992
Franzen, Guy T. ....	02/02/1992
Franzen, Patrick .....	05/13/2001
Freeman, D. A. ....	03/03/1974
Freeman, Jennie Lou (Mrs. D. A.) .....	03/03/1974
Frye, Annie Cathey .....	03/31/1935
Frye, C. D. ....	03/31/1935
Frye, David .....	03/31/1935
Frye, Mrs. G. C. (Billie) Day .....	06/26/1921
Fulcher, Howard R. ....	08/21/1955
Fullam, Mariam Crosland .....	09/29/1996
Fullam, Mark Timothy .....	09/29/1996
Funderburk, Martha LaVerne .....	10/19/1997
Gaither, Mary A. ....	07/31/1852
Gaither, Mrs. N. ....	Unknown
Gaither, Eugenia P. ....	Unknown
Gaither, Angie D. ....	Before 1887
Gapen, Myra .....	02/22/1942
Garrou, Kyle Jennings .....	02/19/1995
Garrou, Teresa Bernard (Mrs. Kyle J.) .....	02/19/1995
Gash, Floyd .....	10/07/1894
Gash, Floyd .....	10/07/1894
Gay, Junia .....	06/11/1944
Geier, Gertrude Hall .....	07/09/1928
George, Annie E. ....	09/18/1927
George, Edena Cooper (Mrs. Houston) .....	11/18/1951
George, Edna Cooper .....	11/18/1951
George, Edwin .....	03/18/1945
George, Irene .....	09/18/1927
George, J. W. ....	05/01/1927
George, James Michael .....	07/02/1967
George, James Cooper .....	04/29/1956
George, Janelin (Mrs. J. W.) .....	05/01/1927
George, Lois .....	09/18/1927
George, Mrs. Edwin (Reba) .....	03/18/1945
George, Mrs. J. W. ....	05/01/1927
George, Reba Hamby .....	03/18/1945
George, Robert Edwin .....	04/11/1971
George, Samuel Houston .....	09/18/1927
German, Martha Ann .....	04/05/1953
Gibbons, Ann McKee (Mrs. M. F.) .....	12/17/1967
Gibbons, David Michael .....	05/07/1989
Gibbons, Michael F. ....	12/17/1967
Gibbons, Susan Elizabeth .....	05/18/1986

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Gibbs, Leila .....	07/14/1929
Gibson, James .....	12/17/1978
Gibson, Jane (Mrs. James) .....	12/17/1978
Gibson, Janet Hutchison .....	06/07/1981
Giduz, Baker .....	05/13/2001
Giduz, Hanna Pace .....	05/04/1997
Giduz, Lee Carol (Mrs. Robt.) .....	02/09/1986
Giduz, Molly .....	05/13/2001
Giduz, Robert .....	02/09/1986
Gilbert, Elinor G. ....	04/11/1926
Gilbert, Mrs. Nathan W. ....	05/06/1956
Gilbert, Nathan W. ....	05/06/1956
Gilliam, George .....	04/11/1895
Gilliam, Mary .....	04/11/1895
Glass, Margaret E. ....	03/12/1881
Glass, Mary Louisa .....	09/01/1885
Glass, Minnie .....	10/09/1887
Glass, Elizabeth .....	10/09/1887
Good, Elizabeth Bernhardt .....	03/29/1970
Good, Elizabeth Bernhardt (Mrs. J. M., Jr.) .....	08/28/1960
Good, Eric Michael .....	09/19/1999
Good, Henry Penn .....	12/23/1973
Good, Linda Porter .....	09/19/1999
Good, Maury Worth .....	07/02/1967
Good, Sara Gattis .....	12/23/1973
Good, III, Joseph M. ....	11/19/1961
Good, Jr., Joe M. ....	08/28/1960
Goodman, A. B. ....	09/11/1910
Goodman, Mavis .....	06/01/1919
Gordon, Anne .....	03/05/2000
Gordon, Sallie .....	10/08/1928
Gordon, Stewart .....	03/05/2000
Grady, Charles R. ....	03/22/1964
Grady, Mrs. Charles R. ....	03/22/1964
Graeber, Brent Austin .....	05/07/1989
Graeber, Byron Alexander .....	05/18/1986
Graeber, Dianne (Mrs. James L.) .....	07/21/1985
Graeber, James L. ....	07/21/1985
Gragg, Dale Pennington .....	12/19/1943
Gragg, Gerald B. ....	12/19/1943
Graham, Mary E. ....	12/03/1978
Graham, Virginia Lois .....	06/06/1937
Grant, Carolyn Christensen (Mrs. Gary) .....	02/08/1970
Grant, Gary .....	02/08/1970
Gray, Julia (Mrs. William) .....	01/19/1969
Gray, A. Franklin .....	10/24/1880
Graybeal, Nancy (Mrs. Frank R., Jr.) .....	06/11/1989
Graybeal, Jr., Frank Russell .....	06/11/1989
Greagg, Jessie Rose Eller .....	01/24/1926
Green, Benjamin Samuel .....	01/17/1993
Green, Karen (Mrs. Robt. H.) .....	02/21/1988
Green, Laura .....	01/07/1912
Green, Lynne (Mrs. B. S.) .....	01/17/1993
Green, Mrs. Blanche .....	11/21/1993
Green, Robert Harry .....	02/21/1988
Green, Thomas L. ....	01/07/1912
Greene, Bruce .....	10/29/1967



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Greene, Charles Howard	03/11/1958	Haas, John	06/03/1984
Greene, Charles Howard	05/11/1958	Haas, John G.	06/12/1921
Greene, Mrs. Charles Howard	03/11/1958	Haas, Mrs. John G.	06/12/1921
Greene, Mrs. John L.	08/23/1959	Haas, Thomas	06/03/1984
Greene, Nell (Mrs. Bruce)	10/29/1967	Haas, Thomas	07/02/1967
Greene, Peggy Nichalson	05/11/1958	Hackney, Johnsie Craig	02/03/1907
Greene, Richard Timothy	12/22/1968	Hahn, Annie Maude Watts	04/25/1915
Greene, Steve	10/29/1967	Hahn, Carolyn (Mrs. Thomas W.)	01/09/1983
Greer, Billie	08/29/1982	Hahn, Thomas Watts	04/15/1960
Greer, Coline Melton	10/24/1915	Hahn, Thomas Jason	06/07/1987
Greer, Dallas Sherrill	08/10/1947	Haile, Mary F.	Unknown
Greer, Dallas Kenneth	04/29/1956	Hailey, Charles	06/03/1984
Greer, J. Steele	10/03/1920	Hailey, Claude Thomas	02/28/1965
Greer, Lenore Sourbeer	12/00/1920	Hailey, Thomas Patrick	06/07/1987
Greer, William Edmund	06/16/1945	Hall, Ann H. (Mrs. T. H., IV)	02/00/1962
Gregg, Brenda Susanne	04/05/1953	Hall, Gertrude	08/29/1907
Gregg, Dale Pennington	12/19/1943	Hall, J. P.	10/13/1929
Gregg, Jessie Rose (Eller)	01/24/1926	Hall, Jessie Suddreth (Mrs. Bob)	05/20/1923
Gregg, Mrs. Russell	04/09/1950	Hall, Jessie Sudderth	04/02/1922
Gregg, Russell	04/09/1950	Hall, Joyce S.	04/03/1932
Gregg, Sandra Gail	04/09/1950	Hall, Laurens E.	08/29/1907
Grier, Gertrude Hall	07/09/1928	Hall, Mary	10/13/1929
Grier, Samuel A.	Before 1883	Hall, Robert S.	02/15/1932
Grier, Mary G.	Before 1883	Hall, J. Gaither	08/29/1897
Grier, S. A.	06/01/1907	Hall, W. A.	08/29/1897
Grier, Elsie M.	06/01/1907	Hall, Laurens	08/29/1897
Griffin, Fred H.	12/02/1956	Hall, Gertrude	08/29/1897
Griffin, James E.	12/02/1956	Hall, William	01/12/1909
Griffin, James E., Jr.	12/02/1956	Hamby, Christine Mackie	06/25/1933
Griffin, Jane	08/23/1959	Hamby, Margaret	10/13/1929
Griffin, Katherine R. (Mrs. Phil G., Jr.)	10/19/1947	Hamby, Mary Katherine	02/05/1961
Griffin, Mrs. James E.	12/02/1956	Hamby, W. W.	05/01/1926
Griffin, Phillip G., Jr.	10/19/1947	Hamby, W. W.	05/00/1926
Griffin, David	12/00/1895	Hamilton, Mary Cornelia	10/02/1938
Griffin, Jr., Phillip G.	10/19/1947	Hamilton, Hugh	07/00/1861
Griffith, Clay Hudson	05/07/1995	Hamilton, Susan S.	07/00/1861
Griffith, Dale	11/17/1974	Hamilton, Mary F.	07/00/1861
Griffith, Jan (Mrs. Dale)	11/17/1974	Hamilton, Martha F.	Before 1880
Griffith, Jessica Dale	05/19/1991	Hamilton, Bettie M.	Before 1880
Grissom, Brian	03/18/2001	Hamilton, S. W.	Before 1899
Grissom, Teresa	03/18/2001	Hamilton, Elizabeth A.	03/17/1881
Groom, Dave	11/19/2000	Hamlin, Osgood Andrew	05/12/1889
Groom, Dotty	11/19/2000	Hampton, A. F.	10/06/1929
Groom, Doug	11/19/2000	Hampton, Annie Cleo	01/01/1933
Guire, Evelyn	03/24/1918	Hampton, Lola (Mrs. A. F.)	10/06/1929
Guire, Lean Evelyn	03/24/1918	Hancock, Ann (Mrs. George)	12/13/1970
Guire, Lena Triplett (Mrs. V. D.)	12/27/1906	Hancock, David Carter	06/07/1981
Guire, Lena Triplett	12/27/1926	Hancock, George Phillip	06/07/1981
Guire, Virgil D.	12/27/1906	Hancock, George	12/13/1970
Gunter, Evelyn (Mrs. James P.)	06/03/1962	Hancock, Peter N.	06/03/1979
Gunter, James P.	06/03/1962	Hanek, Nicholas	05/13/2001
Gwyn, Roberta Beall (Mrs. Rufus)	11/05/1893	Hanie, Eve (Mrs. Michael)	11/06/1983
Gwyn, Rufus Courtney	06/04/1972	Hanie, Michael	11/06/1983
Gwyn, Rufus Lenoir	04/22/1915	Hanks, Etta McC.	10/03/1920
Gwyn, Rufus	08/22/1915	Hanks, Etta Gray McConnoughey	10/03/1920
Gwyn, Roberta Lamar	11/05/1893	Hanks, F. C.	10/03/1920
Haas, Irene	11/13/1923	Hanks, Floyd Charles	12/17/1916

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Hanks, Locke Erwin .....	12/17/1916
Hanks, Maude (Mrs. Floyd) .....	12/22/1946
Hanks, Maude .....	12/22/1946
Hannah, F. S. ....	05/00/1882
Hannah, Caroline .....	05/00/1882
Harden, Mary Kathryn (Mrs. Norman) .....	11/01/1959
Harden, Norman .....	11/01/1959
Hardin, Mary Katherine .....	11/01/1959
Hardin, Norman .....	11/01/1959
Harding, Winnefred .....	10/26/1958
Hardy, Amos .....	08/05/1951
Hardy, Earl .....	02/15/1925
Harper, Caroline E. ....	07/31/1852
Harper, Charlotte Critz .....	05/01/1927
Harper, Charlotte Critz .....	04/01/1945
Harper, Eleanor (Mrs. J. C., Jr.) .....	06/04/1967
Harper, Elizabeth Randolph .....	04/03/1921
Harper, Frances Eleanor .....	06/03/1979
Harper, Frances Cunningham .....	10/27/1889
Harper, George Finley .....	10/23/1880
Harper, George Finley, II .....	03/16/1941
Harper, James .....	07/31/1852
Harper, James Cunningham .....	03/26/1905
Harper, James Cunningham .....	03/06/1941
Harper, James Cunningham .....	07/01/1922
Harper, John Graves .....	05/18/1986
Harper, Lucy Frances .....	04/10/1938
Harper, Margaret Ellen .....	03/26/1905
Harper, Mary G. ....	10/09/1875
Harper, George W. F. ....	09/20/1863
Harper, Margaret Cornelia .....	Before 1927
Harper, Martha .....	09/15/1873
Harper, Samuel F. ....	10/09/1875
Harper, Carrie R. ....	05/22/1886
Harper, Ella .....	10/09/1887
Harper, James .....	05/24/1891
Harper, Hugh Richard .....	05/28/1899
Harper, Mary Beall .....	10/17/1903
Harper, II, George Finley .....	03/06/1941
Harper, III, James Cunningham .....	06/07/1981
Harper, Jr., James C. ....	06/04/1967
Harrell, Andrew .....	06/19/2000
Harrington, William .....	05/28/1899
Harris, Henry .....	10/06/1935
Harris, John W. ....	04/15/1906
Harris, Mary .....	11/03/1930
Harris, Ralph E. ....	04/18/1909
Harris, Ruby A. (Mrs. J. W.) .....	05/25/1964
Harris, Ruby A. ....	04/15/1906
Harrison, Floyd .....	03/08/1981
Harshaw, Chloma .....	09/23/1934
Harshaw, Eliza Houck .....	03/23/1913
Harshaw, Jacob Newton .....	12/17/1916
Harshaw, Mamie Houck .....	06/15/1919
Harshaw, Mary Eliza .....	06/15/1919
Harshaw, Mary Eliza .....	12/17/1916
Harshaw, Michaux .....	12/17/1916

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Harshaw, Moses R. ....	04/16/1913
Harshaw, Mrs. Moses R. ....	10/17/1923
Hart, Roland J. ....	05/13/1888
Hartley, Allene Suddreth (Mrs. H. W.) .....	04/19/1953
Hartley, Erma Moore .....	09/27/1936
Hartley, Harold William .....	04/19/1953
Hartley, Helen Loraine .....	04/03/1932
Hartley, Irma Moore (Mrs. Lex) .....	09/27/1936
Hartley, John Lex .....	04/07/1940
Hartley, Kate S. ....	10/03/1920
Hartley, Lex .....	09/27/1936
Hartley, Maude .....	04/25/1915
Hartley, Mrs. Scroggs A. ....	10/28/1923
Hartley, Nancy .....	03/22/1964
Hartley, Nellie B. (Mrs. S. F.) .....	04/02/1922
Hartley, Opal Pierce .....	04/13/1952
Hartley, Robert Bingham .....	10/03/1920
Hartley, Robey Courtney .....	12/22/1968
Hartley, Sallie .....	02/07/1925
Hartley, Sam Austin .....	04/07/1940
Hartley, Samuel Finley .....	12/23/1973
Hartley, Samuel Finley .....	04/02/1922
Hartley, Scroggs A. ....	10/28/1923
Hartley, Sophia .....	10/28/1923
Hartley, Teresa Nipper (Mrs. Robey) .....	12/17/1978
Hartley, Virginia Ann Courtney .....	01/31/1954
Hartley, Virginia Ann Courtney (Mrs. Sam) ....	01/31/1954
Hartsell, Cecilia .....	08/26/1984
Hartsock, Joseph C. ....	12/07/1958
Hartsock, Mrs. Joseph C. ....	12/07/1958
Harvey, Gertrude .....	02/07/1926
Hathcock, Betty Jo (Mrs. Charles L., Jr.) .....	12/20/1987
Hathcock, Janey Bean (Mrs. C. L., III) .....	07/17/1988
Hawkins, Carol (Mrs. Geo.) .....	03/11/1973
Hawkins, George .....	03/11/1973
Hawkins, Linda Triplett .....	10/16/1994
Hawkins, Paul Davis .....	10/16/1994
Haymaker, Charles Edward .....	08/18/1974
Haymaker, Charles Edward .....	04/03/1932
Haymaker, Dorothy T. (Mrs. W. G.) .....	12/13/1931
Haymaker, Dorothy .....	12/13/1931
Haymaker, James Milligan .....	03/06/1941
Haymaker, Martha Lou .....	04/03/1932
Haymaker, Willis G. ....	12/13/1931
Haymaker, Willis Graham, Jr. ....	08/01/1937
Haytock, Benjamin .....	09/21/1947
Haytock, Mrs. Benjamin .....	09/21/1947
Hazen, Cyllinda Shull (Mrs. Larry) .....	09/27/1981
Hazen, Heather Renee .....	05/19/1991
Hazen, Larry .....	09/27/1981
Hazen, Melissa Mercer .....	05/30/1993
Hazen, Ryan Doran .....	05/04/1997
Hedrick, Alice .....	05/19/1946
Hedrick, Hunt .....	12/04/1983
Hedrick, J. Arnold .....	05/19/1946
Hedrick, Sarah Turner (Mrs. Clarence) .....	04/17/1989
Hedrick, Wesley Powell .....	05/18/1986

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Helm, Charles A. . . . .	07/01/1973	Hodge, Nathan Collier . . . . .	11/00/1973
Helm, Pansy B. . . . .	04/23/1978	Hodge, Pat (Mrs. A. Lamar) . . . . .	11/00/1973
Helm, Winifred (Mrs. C. A.) . . . . .	07/01/1973	Hodge, Roger Alan . . . . .	11/00/1973
Hemphill, Mary J. . . . .	Unknown	Hoffman, Anna Catherine . . . . .	03/31/1928
Hendee, John Robert . . . . .	12/21/1969	Hoffman, Betty Spencer (Mrs. Jasper) . . . . .	11/30/1958
Hendee, Nicki (Mrs. J. R.) . . . . .	12/21/1969	Hoffman, Emilie Jo . . . . .	12/22/1968
Henderson, William H. . . . .	08/20/1905	Hoffman, James David . . . . .	04/10/1966
Hendrix, James Franklin . . . . .	04/18/1954	Hoffman, Jasper . . . . .	05/18/1919
Hendrix, Kathleen (Mrs. S. F.) . . . . .	03/14/1954	Hoffman, Jasper Jr. . . . .	04/05/1931
Hendry, Mary N. . . . .	Before 1861	Hoffman, Jasper H. . . . .	05/18/1919
Hennessee, Elizabeth Byron . . . . .	04/18/1954	Hoffman, Joseph David . . . . .	05/09/1999
Hennessee, Elizabeth Bryson . . . . .	04/18/1954	Hoffman, Joyce Vera . . . . .	02/07/1926
Hensley, Dorothy . . . . .	10/26/1941	Hoffman, Luther . . . . .	01/23/1910
Hensley, M. L. . . . .	10/26/1941	Hoffman, Mary Belinda . . . . .	07/02/1967
Herman, Jonathan Michael . . . . .	05/24/1992	Hoffman, Mary Farthing . . . . .	05/03/1925
Herman, Julie Annette . . . . .	05/18/1986	Hoffman, Mary . . . . .	05/03/1925
Herman, Kristin Ashley . . . . .	05/24/1992	Hoffman, Mayette . . . . .	11/10/1963
Herman, Larry Ray . . . . .	05/24/1992	Hoffman, Mrs. Jasper . . . . .	11/30/1958
Herman, Russell Manning . . . . .	05/24/1992	Hoffman, Mrs. Mayette . . . . .	11/10/1963
Herman, Virginia L. (Mrs. Larry R.) . . . . .	05/24/1992	Hoffman, Robert Daniel . . . . .	03/29/1970
Hickerson, Fay Martin . . . . .	06/15/1919	Hoffman, Ruth Virginia . . . . .	03/31/1928
Hickerson, Faye . . . . .	11/00/1961	Hoffman, Vera . . . . .	05/18/1919
Hickerson, Jim . . . . .	04/21/1946	Hoffman, William Luther . . . . .	04/07/1940
Hickman, Lori Leigh . . . . .	01/26/1997	Hoffman, III, Adam Jasper . . . . .	07/13/1969
Hicks, Cynthia Ann . . . . .	12/23/1984	Hoffman, Jr., Jasper . . . . .	04/05/1931
Hicks, Frederick R. . . . .	11/07/1920	Hogan, Marie Bach . . . . .	03/24/1996
Hicks, Harold . . . . .	08/26/1984	Hogan, Walter James . . . . .	03/24/1996
Hicks, Louise Adele . . . . .	05/13/1923	Holcher, Anna Kathleen . . . . .	06/07/1981
Hicks, Mary Sue . . . . .	12/23/1984	Holcher, F. T. . . . .	12/12/1971
Hicks, Mrs. Frederick R. . . . .	11/07/1920	Holcher, Nancy (Mrs. F. T.) . . . . .	12/12/1971
Hicks, Sudie (Mrs. Harold) . . . . .	08/26/1984	Holcher, Virginia Ellen . . . . .	05/15/1988
Hiergesell, Geneva . . . . .	10/10/1932	Holden, George S. . . . .	03/12/1905
Higgins, Helen Elizabeth . . . . .	03/16/1941	Holder, Claude L. . . . .	12/02/1923
Higgins, James Harvey . . . . .	04/01/1945	Holder, Cornelia . . . . .	06/15/1919
Higgins, Thomas H. . . . .	02/09/1890	Holder, J. Boone . . . . .	06/29/1913
Higgins, Lizzie . . . . .	02/09/1890	Holder, Jennie Turner . . . . .	06/29/1913
Higgins, George . . . . .	04/28/1894	Holder, Julia Deal . . . . .	01/23/1912
Highsmith, Phyllis . . . . .	12/19/1976	Holder, Mattie . . . . .	11/02/1902
Hill, Martha (Mrs. Benjamin, III) . . . . .	12/03/1989	Holland, Bedie (Mrs. Ben) . . . . .	10/10/1976
Hill, Mrs. Samuel W. . . . .	12/01/1940	Holland, Ben . . . . .	10/10/1976
Hill, Nancy White . . . . .	04/07/1940	Holland, Herman . . . . .	06/16/1968
Hill, Samuel W. . . . .	12/01/1940	Holland, Ina Rominger (Mrs. R. W., IV) . . . . .	09/28/1992
Hill, III, Benjamin Wood . . . . .	12/03/1989	Holland, Jo Ann Bell (Mrs. Herman) . . . . .	06/16/1968
Hines, Andrew Nelson . . . . .	12/23/1973	Holland, IV, Robert Walter . . . . .	09/28/1992
Hines, Ann Nelson (Mrs. L. D., Jr.) . . . . .	11/10/1957	Hollifield, Grace Nolls (Mrs. Mason) . . . . .	03/06/1941
Hines, Helen H. . . . .	06/20/1951	Hollifield, Grace Walls . . . . .	03/16/1941
Hines, Mrs. Robert S. . . . .	06/20/1951	Hollifield, Hazel . . . . .	04/18/1923
Hines, Mrs. Anne Nelson . . . . .	11/10/1957	Hollifield, Hazel . . . . .	04/08/1923
Hines, Robert S. . . . .	06/20/1951	Hollifield, Howard . . . . .	04/18/1923
Hines, III, Leslie Darrell . . . . .	07/02/1967	Hollifield, Howard . . . . .	04/08/1923
Hines, Jr., Leslie D. . . . .	11/10/1957	Hollifield, J. Ward . . . . .	05/28/1899
Hirsch, Mrs. Bernard . . . . .	09/21/1958	Hollifield, John . . . . .	06/15/1919
Hirsch, Rebekah . . . . .	09/21/1958	Hollifield, Mason . . . . .	06/15/1919
Hitt, Jr., James E. . . . .	12/17/1978	Hollifield, May S. . . . .	03/15/1905
Hobbs, Isaac S. . . . .	Unknown	Hollifield, May . . . . .	03/15/1905
Hodge, A. Lamar . . . . .	11/00/1973	Hollifield, Ruth . . . . .	06/15/1919
Hodge, Jeffrey Scobey . . . . .	04/15/1976	Hollifield, William Mason, Jr. . . . .	04/07/1950



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Hollifield, Jr., William Mason .....	04/09/1950
Holloway, Edward Graham .....	06/01/1946
Holman, Carl .....	11/23/1924
Holsclaw, Myrtle Craig .....	03/10/1929
Holt, Kitty-Lynn (Mrs. Phillip Carl) .....	02/19/1984
Holt, Phillip Carl .....	02/19/1984
Holtsclaw, Robert .....	03/01/1896
Holtsclaw, Mrs. M. E. ....	03/01/1896
Holtsclaw, Ransom .....	03/19/1905
Holtsclaw, Myrtle Lee .....	04/16/1905
Holtsclaw, Norma .....	01/27/1907
Honeycutt, Anne .....	05/03/1981
Honeycutt, Betty (Mrs. Lex E.) .....	08/29/1971
Honeycutt, Lex Edward .....	08/29/1971
Honeycutt, II, Lex Edward .....	08/29/1971
Hood, Arthur .....	10/13/1929
Hood, Arthur R. ....	10/13/1929
Hood, Beuna .....	02/07/1926
Hood, Bina Conley (Mrs. Carl) .....	04/19/1925
Hood, Bina Conley .....	04/19/1925
Hood, Brenda Shell .....	04/01/1951
Hood, Buena .....	02/07/1926
Hood, Carl .....	Approx. 1915
Hood, Carl .....	04/19/1925
Hood, Carl .....	02/03/1907
Hood, Donna Jane .....	04/18/1965
Hood, Gladys Fay .....	05/13/1923
Hood, Harold Arthur .....	04/25/1943
Hood, Harold Arthur .....	04/25/1943
Hood, Hughey Elizabeth .....	04/02/1939
Hood, Kenneth Carl .....	04/05/1931
Hood, Martha Evelyn .....	04/01/1945
Hood, Mary Katherine .....	04/05/1931
Hood, Nancy Carol .....	04/21/1946
Hood, Robert Neil .....	04/05/1953
Hood, Sadie .....	08/24/1919
Hood, Thelma Farthing (Mrs. Wm.) .....	05/20/1951
Hood, Thelma Farthing .....	05/20/1951
Hood, William Armond .....	10/04/1936
Hood, William Armond .....	01/17/1937
Hood, Jr., William Armond .....	12/22/1968
Hooper, Amanda .....	05/13/2001
Hooper, Lara Lucilla .....	05/09/1999
Hooper, Lucilla Campbell (Mrs. G. P.) .....	02/02/1992
Hopkins, Charles H. ....	12/08/1935
Hopkins, Charles H. ....	04/03/1921
Horton, I. F. ....	11/12/1933
Horton, Myrtle .....	11/12/1933
Hoskins, Dorothy .....	04/05/1931
Hoskins, Frances Owen .....	11/13/1927
Hoskins, Johnsie Underdown (Mrs. V. K.) .....	02/03/1907
Hoskins, Johnsie Underdown .....	02/03/1907
Hoskins, Marjorie Louise .....	11/13/1927
Hoskins, Victor .....	10/27/1927
Hoskins, Victor .....	10/00/1927
Houck, A. F. ....	06/15/1919
Houck, Albert F. ....	06/15/1919

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Houck, Hill .....	01/29/1950
Houck, Janet Lynne .....	04/04/1948
Houck, Lois Gray .....	03/14/1948
Houck, William Gregory .....	04/06/1947
Houck, Albert F. ....	11/05/1893
Houck, Margaret R. ....	11/05/1893
Houck, Willie Arthur .....	05/13/1899
Houck, Amelia .....	05/28/1899
Hough, Ounita .....	01/11/1925
Houston, John Barr, Jr. ....	07/05/1936
Houston, John Barr, III .....	04/06/1947
Houston, John Barr .....	12/08/1929
Houston, Juanita Hough (Mrs. J. B., Jr.) .....	07/05/1936
Houston, Juanita Hough .....	01/11/1925
Houston, Juanita Hough .....	07/05/1936
Houston, Juanita Jean .....	04/05/1942
Houston, Sam .....	03/23/1986
Houston, Susan E. ....	Unknown
Houston, III, John Barr .....	04/06/1947
Houston, Jr., John Barr .....	07/05/1936
Hovey, Clara .....	10/08/1933
Hovey, Emily .....	10/08/1933
Hovey, Janet Louise .....	04/17/1938
Howard, Esther .....	04/04/1948
Howard, Esther .....	07/25/1948
Howard, S. B. ....	10/14/1923
Howe, Grace .....	08/11/1932
Howell, Alda .....	10/06/1929
Howell, Beulah .....	11/23/1924
Howell, Josephine .....	11/23/1924
Howell, Mattie Virginia .....	03/31/1928
Howell, Zora .....	10/13/1929
Howerton, Lemma Shepherd .....	01/09/1926
Howerton, Philip Fullerton .....	06/00/1926
Howington, Edith (Mrs. Lee) .....	12/15/1974
Howington, Lee .....	12/15/1974
Hudgens, Dallas Cole .....	05/07/1995
Huey, Bertha Mae .....	12/08/1935
Huey, Frank .....	12/08/1935
Huffman, R. L. ....	10/04/1953
Hughes, Emily (Mrs. Charles) .....	02/24/1952
Hughes, Emily .....	02/24/1952
Hunner, Delores Christine "Chris" .....	01/26/1997
Hunner, Robert Thompson "Bob" .....	01/26/1997
Hunt, Barbara Sue .....	04/02/1944
Hunt, Gladys Nolls (Mrs. R. D.) .....	04/02/1944
Hunt, Gladys .....	04/02/1944
Hunt, Martha Carol .....	04/04/1948
Hunt, Robert Allen .....	04/06/1947
Hunt, Sarah Lou .....	04/05/1953
Hunt, Susan Rebecca .....	04/29/1956
Hunter, Duncan .....	07/06/1941
Hunter, Leisha W. (Mrs. Robt. T., Jr.) .....	02/02/1992
Hunter, Ruth E. ....	07/06/1941
Hunter, Jr., Robert T. ....	02/02/1992
Husman, David Wesley .....	08/27/1995
Husman, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. D. W.) .....	08/27/1995

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Huston, Betty Vogler (Mrs. J. B., III) .....	06/03/1962	Johnson, Carolyn Lynn .....	01/29/1996
Hutchens, Kim Taylor .....	06/30/1996	Johnson, Dan .....	10/29/1961
Hutchens, Susan Fleming .....	06/30/1996	Johnson, Effie Ramseur .....	10/04/1911
Hutchens, Wallis .....	05/13/2001	Johnson, Etta .....	10/13/1929
Hutchens, Jr., Kim Taylor .....	05/09/1999	Johnson, Frances Maynard (Mrs. Burton) ....	09/16/1946
Hutchins, Annie Lee .....	11/23/1913	Johnson, Frances Maynard .....	09/16/1946
Hutchinson, Louis K. ....	03/17/1907	Johnson, George W. ....	07/18/1966
Hutchison, Arthur .....	04/03/1955	Johnson, Hal .....	06/08/1947
Hutchison, Carolyn Suddreth .....	02/24/1944	Johnson, Harry Lester .....	01/29/1996
Hyams, Claudia Suddreth .....	06/08/1926	Johnson, Janice .....	10/13/1974
Hyams, Mrs. R. H. ....	06/00/1926	Johnson, Jerry .....	02/27/1983
Hyams, Robert Penland .....	08/01/1937	Johnson, Jess .....	01/29/1950
Icenhour, Lillie .....	11/13/1923	Johnson, Joe Shell (Bud) .....	05/30/1971
Icenhour, Nathan B. ....	11/13/1923	Johnson, John W. ....	09/26/1965
Inabinet, Mrs. H. M. ....	05/29/1949	Johnson, John K. ....	11/08/1970
Ingles, Mrs. James .....	07/31/1852	Johnson, Leander Wayne .....	12/20/1943
Ingles, Mary A. ....	07/31/1852	Johnson, Leander .....	12/20/1942
Ingram, Betsy Lin .....	05/19/1991	Johnson, Lewis M. ....	10/13/1929
Ingram, Brett Harrison .....	06/06/1982	Johnson, Lydia F. ....	09/26/1965
Ingram, Carrie Rae .....	05/07/1995	Johnson, Margaret Ellen .....	06/07/1987
Ingram, Lewis .....	09/03/1972	Johnson, Margaret .....	08/29/1965
Ingram, Paige .....	06/06/1982	Johnson, Martha Elizabeth .....	04/15/1960
Ingram, Pamela (Mrs. Lewis) .....	09/03/1972	Johnson, Mary Ann (Mrs. Dan) .....	10/29/1961
Ingram, Sandy (Mrs. Jerry) .....	02/24/1991	Johnson, Mary Stuart Barden (Mrs. John K.) ..	11/08/1970
Isbell, Homer .....	09/25/1921	Johnson, Matthew Shannon .....	06/07/1981
Isbell, Mrs. Homer .....	09/25/1921	Johnson, Maxine (Mrs. John S.) .....	09/26/1965
Jackson, Ida .....	11/13/1927	Johnson, Maxine (Mrs. John S.) .....	10/29/1978
Jacob, Sarah (Mrs. J. Laird, Jr.) .....	05/28/1972	Johnson, Mrs. Charles Mack .....	12/30/1962
Jacob, Jr., J. Laird .....	05/28/1972	Johnson, Patty Saylor (Mrs. J. S.) .....	05/30/1971
James, Ruby Spainhour .....	07/03/1949	Johnson, Tedi (Mrs. Jerry) .....	02/27/1983
Jarrett, E. T. ....	08/21/1904	Johnson, Henry P. ....	Unknown
Jarrett, Martha L. ....	08/21/1904	Johnson, James N. ....	Unknown
Jenkins, Effie .....	06/15/1919	Johnston, J. William .....	06/27/1926
Jennings, Adelaide Louise .....	04/02/1916	Johnston, Mrs. J. William .....	06/27/1926
Jennings, Alice Joyce .....	04/05/1942	Johnston, Phillip Laurence .....	03/21/1943
Jennings, Anna Jane .....	04/17/1949	Johnston, Walter .....	05/26/1929
Jennings, Herbert B. ....	07/04/1926	Johnston, William J. ....	12/13/1891
Jennings, Herbert B. ....	11/02/1941	Jones, Becky (Mrs. Edgar Gaffey) .....	05/26/1946
Jennings, Herbert Busnell .....	07/04/1926	Jones, Becky .....	05/26/1946
Jennings, John Powell .....	07/04/1926	Jones, Edgar Gaffey .....	05/26/1946
Jennings, John P. ....	04/17/1949	Jones, H. A. ....	02/23/1941
Jennings, John .....	Unknown	Jones, Joe A. ....	10/05/1986
Jennings, Laura Powell .....	05/03/1896	Jones, Karen (Mrs. Vance) .....	01/09/1983
Jennings, Mary Edna .....	12/03/1929	Jones, Mary Elizabeth .....	01/21/1940
Jennings, Mary Edna .....	11/02/1941	Jones, Mrs. W. D. ....	05/07/1922
Jennings, Mary Elizabeth .....	04/10/1916	Jones, Rufus M. ....	10/03/1920
Jennings, Mary Edna (Mrs. H. B.) .....	11/02/1941	Jones, Rufus Mc .....	10/03/1920
Jennings, Mrs. Herbert B. ....	12/00/1929	Jones, Stanley Ross .....	03/06/1941
Jennings, Stanley S. ....	10/03/1920	Jones, Vance .....	01/09/1983
Jennings, Jr., Stanley .....	04/08/1923	Jones, Wendy Rhome (Mrs. J. W., Jr.) .....	05/24/1992
Jessup, Arnold .....	02/05/1939	Jones, Mattie .....	Unknown
Johnson, B. Cleveland .....	04/05/1914	Jones, Walter L. ....	05/19/1896
Johnson, Barbara V. ....	10/17/1965	Jones, Jr., James Wallace .....	05/24/1992
Johnson, Bascom G. ....	10/04/1911	Jordan, Harry .....	12/25/1955
Johnson, Burton .....	07/06/1930	Jordan, Harry T. ....	12/25/1955
Johnson, Burton L. ....	07/06/1930	Jordan, Harry T., Jr. ....	12/25/1955
Johnson, Carol .....	08/29/1965	Jordan, Mrs. Harry T. ....	12/25/1955



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Jordan, Nicholas Peay .....	01/01/1956
Jordan, Patricia Brown .....	04/29/1956
Jordan, Peg (Mrs. Harry) .....	12/25/1955
Jordan, Jr., H. Tom .....	12/25/1955
Joy, A. K. ....	11/11/1923
Joy, Frances Ingold .....	12/00/1920
Kay, Martha .....	10/04/1942
Kays, James H. ....	06/14/1891
Keathley, Dorothy Mauldin (Mrs. F. B.) .....	11/11/1951
Keathley, Dorothy Mauldin .....	11/11/1951
Keever, Susie .....	11/22/1902
Keller, Chad Larkin .....	10/16/1994
Keller, Gertrude .....	01/27/1907
Kelley, Ethel .....	10/14/1923
Kelley, Franklin Reins .....	03/29/1970
Kelley, Lawrence E. ....	04/06/1952
Kelley, Jr., Lawrence Everett .....	12/22/1968
Kelly, Howard .....	03/08/1959
Kelly, James Edward .....	03/08/1959
Kelly, Mrs. Howard .....	03/08/1959
Kenard, John .....	02/05/1961
Kenard, Mrs. John .....	02/05/1961
Kennerly, Bill .....	10/11/1961
Kennerly, Bob .....	10/11/1961
Kennerly, Frank .....	01/00/1940
Kennerly, Frank .....	05/26/1940
Kennerly, Jane Parks .....	04/18/1965
Kennerly, John Dickerson, Jr. ....	03/06/1941
Kennerly, Martha (Mrs. Vance) .....	10/11/1961
Kennerly, Nancy Carol .....	04/06/1947
Kennerly, Vance .....	10/11/1961
Kennerly, Virginia (Mrs. Frank) .....	01/00/1940
Kennerly, Virginia Lackey .....	05/26/1940
Kent, Annie Mae .....	07/03/1938
Kent, Mary Perkins .....	01/11/1891
Kepley, Gypsie (Mrs. Kenneth) .....	12/20/1970
Kepley, Karen Lynn .....	12/24/1972
Kepley, Kelley Wrenn .....	12/20/1970
Kepley, Kenneth .....	12/20/1970
Kidder, Peter Charles .....	02/13/2000
Kight, Robbie .....	03/18/2001
Kincaid, Kimberlin McNair (Mrs. S. M.) .....	09/20/1992
Kincaid, Steven Mackie .....	09/20/1992
King, Alliene (Mrs. W. David) .....	11/10/1968
King, Mary Emily .....	09/05/1937
King, W. David .....	11/10/1968
Kinsman, Isadora .....	12/17/1927
Kirby, Carolyn (Mrs. Don) .....	11/03/1963
Kirby, Don .....	11/03/1963
Kirby, Tiny .....	02/28/1926
Kirby, John W. ....	06/11/1885
Kirby, Martha Eugenia .....	05/10/1891
Kirby, Daniel F. ....	05/10/1891
Kirby, Willard M. ....	05/09/1897
Kirby, L. Hill .....	02/04/1906
Kirby, Martha .....	02/04/1906
Kirby, Blanche A. ....	04/09/1908

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Kirby, Mary .....	Before 1880
Kirchner, G. Fred .....	09/02/1946
Kirchner, Mrs. G. Fred .....	09/02/1946
Kirkland, Ann (Mrs. Wm. A.) .....	04/06/1969
Kirkland, William A. ....	04/06/1969
Kirkman, L. W. ....	10/02/1927
Kirkman, Mildred Inez .....	09/25/1927
Kirsten, George .....	07/13/1969
Kirsten, George W. ....	12/01/1940
Kirsten, George William, III .....	04/13/1952
Kirsten, Phyllis .....	12/01/1940
Kirsten, Raymond Lawrence .....	04/17/1955
Kirstin, Virginia Vaughn Strother (Mrs. G. W., Jr.) .....	04/17/1927
Kiser, Jennie .....	02/03/1952
Kiser, Lois Beatrice .....	01/30/1949
Kitchen, Mrs. Tom W. ....	11/05/1961
Kitchen, Tom W. ....	11/05/1961
Klultz, Charles A. ....	12/17/1939
Klultz, Mrs. Charles A. ....	12/17/1939
Knotts, Linda .....	06/11/1972
Knotts, Margaret (Mrs. Wm.) .....	06/11/1972
Knotts, Mr. W. J. ....	05/26/1957
Knox, Annie Day (Mrs. J. A.) .....	01/03/1909
Knox, Annie Day .....	01/03/1909
Knox, Dorothy .....	10/21/1923
Knox, James A. ....	04/10/1910
Koebberling, Ernest .....	05/30/1954
Koebberling, Jack .....	09/20/1953
Koebberling, Karl .....	09/20/1953
Koebberling, Kenneth .....	01/23/1978
Koebberling, Mrs. O. E. ....	09/20/1953
Koebberling, O. E. ....	09/20/1953
Kritz, A. F. ....	03/19/1905
Laburn, Helen .....	05/03/1970
Lackey, Alfred Mitchell .....	12/22/1968
Lackey, Ann .....	04/11/1949
Lackey, Carrie Hood (Mrs. H. S.) .....	08/23/1919
Lackey, Carrie Hood .....	08/23/1919
Lackey, Clyde Richmond .....	10/15/1933
Lackey, Coline Pitts .....	01/24/1926
Lackey, Donald Warlick .....	11/19/1933
Lackey, Doris (Dee) S. Mitchell (Mrs. D. W.) ...	09/16/1946
Lackey, Doris Shelton Mitchell .....	09/16/1946
Lackey, Edgar J. ....	12/10/1916
Lackey, Elizabeth Shelton .....	04/15/1960
Lackey, Eston .....	12/00/1926
Lackey, Fannie Warlick (Mrs. J. E.) .....	12/00/1926
Lackey, Fannie Warlick .....	12/05/1926
Lackey, Fletcher (Mrs. Pickney) .....	10/19/1980
Lackey, H. Steve .....	07/27/1951
Lackey, Helen Aurelia .....	04/27/1935
Lackey, James Bowman .....	03/06/1941
Lackey, John Easton .....	12/05/1926
Lackey, John Easton, Jr. ....	04/17/1927
Lackey, John Eston .....	04/17/1927
Lackey, Lillie .....	06/15/1919



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Lackey, Lucy Bowman (Mrs. Ed) .....	12/04/1927	Lipe, Harriet Patton (Mrs. C. E.) .....	04/09/1950
Lackey, Lucy Bowman .....	12/04/1927	Lipe, Hazel Bolick (Mrs. J. E.) .....	04/29/1952
Lackey, Margaret .....	10/06/1929	Lipe, Hazel Bolick .....	04/29/1952
Lackey, Mrs. John .....	02/02/1939	Lipe, J. G. ....	11/07/1948
Lackey, Pinckney .....	10/19/1980	Lipe, Mr. J. G. ....	11/07/1948
Lackey, Pinckney Lewis .....	04/17/1927	Lipe, Ronald Dean .....	07/02/1967
Lackey, Roy Otis .....	03/31/1921	Little, Ebbie Long (Mrs. Tracy) .....	01/22/1984
Lackey, Roy Otis .....	03/31/1929	Little, Mrs. C. A. ....	03/21/1937
Lackey, Sarah .....	03/22/1964	Little, Tracy .....	01/22/1984
Lackey, Sarah Katherine .....	04/17/1927	Little, A. D. ....	10/01/1905
Lackey, Stalla May .....	01/24/1926	Little, Stella .....	10/01/1905
Lackey, Stella Mae .....	01/24/1926	Littlejohn, J. B. ....	09/07/1969
Lackey, Virginia Hyde .....	03/29/1970	Littlejohn, Jane (Mrs. J. B.) .....	09/07/1969
Lackey, Mrs. S. P. ....	10/13/1901	Littlejohn, Jane Katherine .....	09/07/1969
Lackey, Jr., Donald .....	04/10/1966	Lockwood, L. Charles .....	11/06/1966
Lail, Judy (Mrs. Randy) .....	04/17/1988	Lockwood, Laura Kay .....	06/25/1967
Lail, Randy .....	04/17/1988	Lockwood, Mrs. L. Charles .....	11/06/1966
Lapsley, Elsie Kay .....	07/15/1956	Logan, Alice Donald (Mrs. J. T.) .....	02/22/1970
Lawrence, Ada .....	10/13/1929	Logan, Arlee .....	03/20/1927
Laxton, Katie .....	10/07/1923	Logan, James T. ....	02/22/1970
Laxton, Lucy .....	11/28/1915	Logan, William Sanford .....	03/20/1927
Lay, Corrie .....	07/06/1931	London, Lou E. ....	10/14/1923
Ledford, Alice C. ....	11/22/1898	Long, Alex .....	05/13/2001
Leferis, Anthony .....	01/27/1975	Long, Fred A. ....	04/27/1945
Leferis, Chad Thurman .....	05/15/1988	Long, Fred A. ....	08/27/1945
Leferis, Linda (Mrs. Anthony) .....	01/27/1975	Long, Guy Maxwell .....	10/16/1994
Leferis, Scott .....	06/03/1984	Long, Katherine Rabb (Mrs. Fred A.) .....	03/03/1963
Lenoir, Cornelia .....	Before 1858	Long, Mary Dobbin .....	10/16/1994
Letterman, Geneva .....	01/28/1942	Long, Maxwell .....	05/04/1997
Leutz, Charles A. ....	02/14/1909	Long, Mrs. Fred A. ....	08/27/1945
Leviner, Sandra Tuttle (Mrs. Frank) .....	03/24/1966	Looper, Dennis .....	04/22/1951
Lewis, Melissa .....	02/13/2000	Looper, Gay Jeanette .....	12/21/1958
Lewis, Mickey .....	02/13/2000	Looper, Gay Jeanette .....	01/06/1957
Lilles, Janice C. (Mrs. N. P., Jr.) .....	10/05/1969	Looper, Grace Crisp (Mrs. I. H.) .....	12/04/1927
Lilles, Jr., Nelson Prentiss .....	10/05/1969	Looper, Ivey .....	11/27/1949
Lindsay, Allen .....	10/03/1920	Lott, Caleb Dampier .....	11/11/2001
Lindsay, Annie Hamby .....	10/02/1938	Lott, Phyllis S. ....	11/11/2001
Lindsay, Emma Allen (Mrs. T. S.) .....	01/21/1917	Lott, WJ Josh .....	11/11/2001
Lindsay, Emma Allen .....	01/21/1917	Lott, III, James William .....	11/11/2001
Lindsay, Katherine H. ....	10/02/1938	Love, Ralph E. ....	11/12/1939
Lindsay, Lake Warren .....	04/17/1927	Lovens, Sam .....	05/07/1916
Lindsay, T. Shuford .....	01/21/1917	Lovette, Celia .....	09/19/1999
Lindsay, Wallace B. ....	01/24/1909	Lovins, Hailey .....	06/15/1919
Lindsay, Wallace .....	01/24/1909	Lovins, Sam .....	02/03/1907
Lindsey, Brad Truitt .....	06/07/1981	Lowrance, Anne Doll (Mrs. Jeff) .....	01/18/1981
Lindsey, Debra Sue .....	12/24/1977	Lowrance, Hiram A. ....	01/08/1880
Lindsey, Kathy (Mrs. Kenneth B.) .....	05/25/1975	Ludwig, Betsy (Mrs. Jack) .....	02/27/1972
Lingle, Doris W. ....	04/05/1953	Ludwig, Elizabeth (Lisa) Ann .....	12/24/1977
Lingle, Ruth Watts .....	06/15/1919	Ludwig, Florence Pearl .....	12/08/1935
Link, Annie .....	01/18/1920	Ludwig, George G. ....	12/01/1935
Link, Della .....	06/15/1919	Ludwig, George .....	12/08/1935
Link, Wade H. ....	12/00/1926	Ludwig, Helen Louise .....	07/24/1938
Link, Della E. ....	01/24/1907	Ludwig, Jack .....	02/27/1972
Linn, Matilda .....	03/05/1939	Ludwig, Mary Frances .....	04/17/1955
Linn, William Collyer .....	03/05/1939	Ludwig, Mrs. C. G. ....	06/06/1943
Lipe, Clarence E. ....	04/09/1950	Ludwig, S. F. ....	12/08/1935
Lipe, Daniel .....	04/10/1966	Ludwig, Teresa Dare .....	04/05/1953

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Ludwig, Jr., George G. ....	06/00/1960
Lugwig, Sr., Mrs. G. G. ....	06/06/1943
Lunsford, Charles Stephen ....	05/26/1974
Lunsford, Myra (Mrs. C. S.) ....	05/26/1974
Lupes, Alexander Ference ....	07/13/1947
Lutz, Anne (Mrs. Charles L.) ....	09/12/1976
Lutz, Carola (Mrs. Larry) ....	01/05/1975
Lutz, John A. ....	11/23/1924
Lutz, Katherine ....	11/23/1924
Lutz, Larry ....	01/05/1975
Lutz, Mattie Watson ....	02/03/1907
Lutz, Melvin R. ....	10/13/1929
Lutz, Mrs. M. L. ....	02/24/1924
Lutz, Mrs. T. J. ....	02/04/1924
Lutz, T. J. ....	02/04/1924
Lynch, M. John ....	01/06/1957
Lynch, Mrs. M. John ....	01/06/1957
Madison, Daisy May ....	03/06/1941
Madison, Margaret Eleanor ....	03/06/1941
Madison, Mary Louise ....	03/06/1941
Maltba, Ralph Leroy ....	05/12/1932
Maner, Mrs. J. E. ....	12/26/1943
Mangione, A. R. ("Joe") ....	09/07/1975
Mangione, Jane (Mrs. A. R.) ....	09/07/1975
Mangum, Brooke Ashley ....	05/30/3993
Mangum, David Harleigh ....	02/02/1992
Mangum, Janie Patterson (Mrs. D. H.) ....	02/02/1992
Mangum, Kellie Anne ....	05/04/1997
Mangum, Lindsay Elaine ....	05/09/1999
Marion, Mrs. W. J. ....	12/10/1972
Marion, W. J. ....	12/10/1972
Marley, Cloyde ....	10/13/1929
Marley, Fred H. ....	11/07/1920
Marley, Frederick H. ....	11/07/1920
Marley, Harold ....	04/08/1923
Marley, Louise Clarke (Mrs. F. H.) ....	04/11/1911
Marley, Louise Clarke ....	04/11/1911
Marley, Mrs. Cloyde ....	12/13/1929
Marley, Wallace Clarke ....	06/03/1928
Marr, Jr., John Donald ....	08/25/1957
Marshall, James A. ....	04/14/1909
Marshall, James A. ....	04/04/1909
Marshall, Mary C. ....	08/31/1919
Marshall, Mary Cunningham ....	08/31/1919
Martin, Bacom L. ....	05/13/1899
Martin, Bascom L. ....	05/13/1899
Martin, Charles P. ....	02/01/1970
Martin, Charles Leland ....	04/02/1933
Martin, Charles ....	03/21/1943
Martin, Diana Evon ....	02/01/1970
Martin, Eunice Joy ....	09/25/1910
Martin, Evelyn ....	07/30/1922
Martin, Fay ....	06/15/1919
Martin, Georgia Mae ....	06/15/1919
Martin, Georgia Mae ....	05/29/1946
Martin, Georgia May ....	06/15/1919
Martin, Georgie Mae ....	05/29/1946

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Martin, Harry Corpening ....	06/13/1928
Martin, Harry Corpening ....	06/03/1928
Martin, Jacob Harshaw ....	12/17/1927
Martin, Jacob Harshaw ....	04/17/1927
Martin, James Edward ....	10/30/1869
Martin, James Joy ....	02/07/1926
Martin, Joe ....	06/15/1919
Martin, Johnsie Harshaw ....	12/12/1909
Martin, Johnson Harshaw ....	04/10/1925
Martin, Joseph ....	06/15/1919
Martin, Joseph ....	01/04/1931
Martin, Laura E. (Mrs. L. B.) ....	03/24/1907
Martin, Laura E. ....	03/24/1907
Martin, Laurence Eugene ....	12/10/1916
Martin, Lee ....	11/28/1915
Martin, Lemuel Hillie ....	04/11/1915
Martin, Lenuel Hillie ....	04/11/1915
Martin, Lucy ....	04/08/1923
Martin, Marley Harold ....	04/08/1923
Martin, Martha A. ....	08/15/1919
Martin, Mary ....	12/09/1916
Martin, Mollie R. (Mrs. B. F.) ....	03/05/1910
Martin, Mollie R. ....	03/05/1910
Martin, Myrna (Mrs. Charles P.) ....	02/01/1970
Martin, Penny Jane ....	03/29/1970
Martin, Sarah Dora ....	07/04/1926
Martin, Sarah Doral ....	07/04/1926
Martin, Tate C. ....	12/09/1916
Martin, Thomas ....	04/08/1923
Martin, Virginia Irene ....	12/17/1927
Martin, Virginia Irene ....	04/17/1927
Martin, Willie R. ....	10/29/1892
Martin, Benjamin Franklin ....	05/28/1899
Martin, Margaret D. ....	12/16/1900
Martin, Mabel ....	01/27/1907
Martinat, Edward Henry ....	04/07/1940
Martinat, Madelaine (Mrs. Silvio, Sr.) ....	10/13/1929
Martinat, Madeline ....	10/13/1929
Martinat, Philip ....	10/13/1929
Martinat, Silvio G. ....	10/13/1929
Martinat, Jr., Silvio ....	04/11/1943
Martinet, Harriet ....	10/13/1929
Mashburn, Hallene ....	11/13/1955
Mashburn, Jane ....	11/13/1955
Mashburn, Mrs. Thomas R. ....	11/13/1955
Mashburn, Thomas R. ....	11/13/1955
Mast, Geneva Deal ....	11/12/1933
Mast, Laura Holshouser ....	06/16/1968
Mast, Lora Malinda ....	04/11/1971
Matheson, Carrie Miller (Mrs. J. D.) ....	09/30/1906
Matheson, Carrie Miller ....	09/30/1906
Matheson, Jacqueline ....	04/10/1938
Matheson, John D. ....	09/30/1906
Maxwell, Martha C. ....	Unknown
May, Eula ....	10/24/1920
May, Fred H. ....	10/24/1920
May, Frederick H. ....	10/24/1920

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May, Marjorie Keith .....	04/17/1927	McCurry, John Winston .....	03/29/1970
May, Marjorie Keith .....	04/17/1927	McCurry, John L. ....	06/27/1955
May, Reginald C. ....	12/09/1916	McCurry, Mary Sue Hunter (Mrs. J. L.) .....	06/27/1955
May, William Nathan .....	06/03/1928	McCurry, Mary Sue Hunter .....	06/27/1955
McAfee, Lois .....	12/17/1933	McDade, Carol Jeanette .....	04/02/1944
McAfee, Mamie .....	12/17/1933	McDade, Celeste .....	12/22/1922
McAteer, Ernie .....	06/19/2000	McDade, Earl Livingston .....	04/13/1952
McAteer, Kathy .....	06/19/2000	McDade, Eugene .....	06/15/1919
McBain, Cheryl (Mrs. Wm. P.) .....	02/28/1982	McDade, Ina Coffey (Mrs. Eugene) .....	05/09/1943
McBain, William P. ....	02/28/1982	McDade, Ina Coffey .....	05/09/1943
McBride, Bernice .....	06/21/1942	McDade, Irene .....	09/07/1924
McBride, William Holbart .....	06/21/1942	McDade, Joseph Russell .....	04/13/1952
McCall, Annie Lee .....	12/02/1923	McDade, Louise German (Mrs. Earl) .....	04/22/1951
McCall, Bill .....	04/10/1966	McDade, Louise German .....	04/22/1951
McCall, Duncan .....	12/02/1923	McDade, Nealie .....	12/10/1905
McCall, Helen (Mrs. James) .....	10/11/1961	McDade, Nealie Mary .....	12/10/1905
McCall, Helen Virginia .....	07/28/1935	McDade, Nellie Victoria .....	11/25/1917
McCall, James .....	10/11/1961	McDade, Richard Gerald .....	04/07/1963
McCall, Leona May .....	04/03/1932	McDade, Ruth Olivia .....	07/18/1926
McCall, Lou Ellen .....	12/02/1923	McDade, Patterson .....	05/28/1899
McCall, Louise .....	04/03/1932	McDade, Jr., Earl .....	04/22/1951
McCall, Mildred Christine .....	03/31/1929	McDonald, Annie Lauria .....	05/31/1931
McCall, Myrtle Elizabeth .....	11/09/1900	McDonald, Audrey (Mrs. Charles M., Jr.) .....	03/03/1985
McCall, Patricia .....	10/11/1961	McDonald, J. H. ....	08/02/1964
McCall, Willa Dean .....	10/02/1938	McDonald, Mary .....	12/01/1946
McCall, III, James Horace .....	04/07/1963	McDonald, Mrs. J. H. ....	08/02/1964
McCallum, Harriet Elizabeth .....	04/01/1951	McDonald, Mrs. W. R. ....	05/31/1931
McCallum, John McNeill .....	02/17/1935	McDonald, Talulah Dale .....	08/02/1964
McCallum, Meredith Ann .....	07/02/1967	McDonald, W. R. ....	05/31/1931
McCallum, Nancy McNeill .....	04/17/1949	McDonald, Jr., Charles M. ....	03/03/1985
McCallum, Nancy McNeill .....	04/17/1949	McDowell, William S. ....	Unknown
McCarl, James M. ....	08/21/1955	McFadyen, Linda .....	12/22/1957
McCarl, Lucy Richmond .....	03/29/1970	McFadyen, Mrs. Henry C. ....	09/04/1955
McCarl, Lucy Foard (Mrs. J. M.) .....	08/21/1955	McFadyen, Richard Edward .....	04/29/1956
McCarl, Lucy Foard .....	08/21/1955	McFadyen, Jr., Henry C. ....	09/04/1955
McCarl, Jr., James Malcolm .....	07/02/1967	McFayden, Henry C. ....	09/04/1955
McCombs, Fannie .....	Unknown	McFayden, Linda .....	12/22/1957
McConnell, Alice Howland .....	01/06/1956	McFayden, Margaret .....	09/04/1955
McConnell, Alice Howland .....	01/06/1956	McFayden, Richard Edward .....	04/29/1956
McConnell, William .....	10/17/1896	McGall, Annie Lee .....	12/09/1923
McConnell, Lily .....	10/17/1896	McGall, Duncan .....	12/02/1923
McCord, L. D. ....	05/05/1946	McGall, Lou Ellen .....	03/31/1929
McCord, Mrs. L. D. ....	05/05/1946	McGalliard, William .....	Before 1883
McCorkle, Carr .....	12/02/1920	McGalliard, Jane A. ....	Before 1894
McCorkle, Dorothy Carr .....	10/02/1938	McGalliard, Mary .....	Before 1894
McCorkle, Elizabeth L. ....	04/03/1932	McGalliard, Jane E. ....	Before 1894
McCorkle, Elsie Roberts (Mrs. K. L.) .....	10/05/1924	McGeachy, Lila .....	05/14/1905
McCorkle, Elsie Roberts .....	10/05/1924	McGee, Anita Bingham .....	11/12/1938
McCorkle, Jean Roberts .....	04/27/1930	McGee, Harry T. ....	11/12/1939
McCorkle, Karr L. ....	12/02/1920	McGimsey, G. C. ....	02/16/1947
McCrary, Nelson Hiram .....	10/10/1891	McGimsey, Gladys Hanks .....	06/02/1940
McCrary, Metta .....	04/23/1905	McGimsey, Kathryn Gray .....	06/02/1940
McCreary, Jack .....	06/19/1977	McGirt, Charles Holbert .....	04/01/1945
McCreary, Jewell (Mrs. Jack) .....	06/19/1977	McGirt, Louise B. (Mrs. R. M.) .....	09/22/1941
McCreary, Phyllis .....	09/01/1968	McGirt, Louise B. ....	09/22/1941
McCreary, Susan .....	09/01/1968	McGirt, Roger M. ....	09/22/1941
McCullum, John McNeill .....	02/17/1932	McGirt, Jr., Roger Martin .....	04/05/1942



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McIntosh, Elizabeth .....	06/03/1928	McNeill, Charles .....	06/03/1984
McIntosh, J. W. ....	09/06/1925	McNeill, Elizabeth Ann (Mrs. D. D.) .....	09/03/1972
McIntosh, Marion .....	04/27/1935	McNeill, Mrs. R. C. ....	11/13/1921
McIntosh, Mary Elizabeth .....	06/03/1928	McNeill, Susan Tolan .....	06/07/1981
McIntosh, Mrs. J. W. ....	09/06/1925	McNeill, Jr., Donald D. ....	09/03/1972
McIntosh, Mrs. M. C. F. ....	09/06/1925	McNulty, Chuck .....	07/07/2002
McKee, Ann Morgan .....	04/29/1956	McQueen, Lewis Earl .....	05/16/1993
McKee, Anyce (Mrs. Harlton) .....	01/17/1988	McRary, Barbara (Mrs. Larry) .....	05/20/1979
McKee, Harlton .....	01/17/1988	McRary, Larry .....	05/20/1979
McKee, Harlton Tate .....	05/12/1991	McRary, Robert Arnold .....	05/20/1979
McKee, Mary Jeanne .....	12/22/1957	Medlock, Susan .....	06/02/1985
McKee, Michael Tate .....	05/09/1999	Melton, Emma Hope .....	11/24/1918
McKee, Mrs. Archie G. ....	07/31/1955	Melton, Janie Coline .....	10/24/1915
McKee, Sue Chambers (Mrs. H. T.) .....	05/12/1991	Melton, Lillie Ruth (Mrs. Thomas I., Jr.) .....	05/27/1990
McKinley, Elizabeth .....	Unknown	Melton, Martha Ada .....	03/06/1910
McKinley, Laura E. ....	Unknown	Melton, Jr., Thomas L. ....	03/24/1974
McKinley, Alice S. ....	Unknown	Meretta, Leonard V. ....	12/15/1940
McKinley, Elaine .....	Unknown	Meretta, Phyllis G. ....	12/15/1940
McKinley, Julia F. ....	Unknown	Meroney, Elizabeth Triplett .....	06/15/1919
McKinley, Margaret S. ....	Unknown	Messer, Debbie .....	07/06/1986
McLean, Dorothy Ann .....	03/31/1929	Michael, Dollie Blair .....	06/08/1941
McLean, Edith Louise .....	01/24/1926	Michael, W. Eugene .....	06/08/1941
McLean, Frederick Hall .....	02/07/1926	Mihalka, Gwendolyn Cloer .....	12/24/1989
McLean, Hallie Hall .....	06/29/1919	Mikeal, Mrs. W. Eugene .....	10/03/1949
McLean, Hallie Stuart .....	04/03/1932	Mikeal, W. Eugene .....	10/03/1949
McLean, Hallie Paul .....	06/29/1919	Miller, Ann Shaw .....	05/05/1957
McLean, J. Howard .....	10/13/1929	Miller, Estelle .....	07/13/1969
McLean, Joseph Davidson .....	01/03/1937	Miller, Meredith F. ....	05/05/1957
McLean, Juliette Elizabeth .....	05/07/1989	Miller, Mildred (Mrs. T. Glen, Sr.) .....	11/00/1960
McLean, L. L. ....	04/12/1935	Miller, Myrtle Norris (Mrs. T. G., Jr.) .....	12/03/1944
McLean, William Speight .....	04/05/1931	Miller, Myrtle Norris .....	12/03/1944
McLean, Sarah E. ....	06/11/1867	Miller, W. Eugene .....	05/28/1899
McLean, Alice .....	Unknown	Miller, W. Alfred .....	10/03/1920
McLean, Elmira M. ....	06/11/1867	Miller, Effie .....	10/09/1887
McLean, Charles .....	05/08/1881	Miller, Daisy .....	08/06/1899
McLean, Jr., A. A. ....	11/07/1948	Miller, Bessie Ingram .....	10/22/1905
McLean, Jr., Augustus Alexander .....	06/03/1928	Miller, Melville .....	01/14/1909
McLelland, Alexander .....	09/21/1958	Miller, Jr., T. Glen .....	10/02/1938
McLelland, Mrs. Alexander .....	09/21/1958	Mills, Goldie (Mrs. James) .....	07/13/1969
McLilland, Alexander .....	09/21/1958	Mills, Marjorie Dale (Mrs. R. P.) .....	11/21/1993
McLilland, Mrs. Alexander .....	09/21/1958	Mills, Roger Crisp .....	07/13/1969
McMenemy, John .....	09/29/1996	Minish, Barbara E. ....	05/20/1923
McMenemy, Stacy .....	09/29/1996	Mitchell, Callie Ivy .....	09/13/1936
McMillan, Fred .....	01/15/1950	Mitchell, Charles B. ....	02/16/1930
McMillan, Freda .....	04/10/1966	Mitchell, Frederick William .....	08/18/1974
McMillan, Jeffrey Earl .....	12/21/1958	Mitchell, Jim .....	10/08/1967
McMillan, Mrs. Fred .....	01/15/1950	Mitchell, Jo (Mrs. F. W.) .....	08/18/1974
McMillan, Mrs. Fred, Jr. ....	01/15/1950	Mitchell, Mrs. Charles B. ....	02/16/1930
McMillan, Patrick Alan .....	04/07/1963	Mitchell, Mrs. Jim .....	10/08/1967
McMillan, Ruth J. (Mrs. F. L., Sr.) .....	08/23/1959	Mitchell, Mrs. Rudolph .....	01/05/1941
McMillan, Jr., Fred .....	01/29/1950	Mitchell, Pat (Mrs. Robt. K.) .....	04/23/1979
McMillan, Sr., Fred L. ....	08/23/1959	Mitchell, Robert K. ....	04/23/1979
McMillan, Sr., Fred .....	08/23/1959	Mitchell, Rudolph .....	01/05/1941
McMillan, Sr., Mrs. Fred .....	08/23/1959	Mitchell, Charles .....	03/18/1906
McNairy, Lillian .....	09/11/1927	Mitchell, Mrs. Charles .....	03/18/1906
McNeely, Jessie .....	10/06/1929	Mixon, Mary Noll .....	12/08/1946
McNeill, Arney Ray .....	11/25/1917	Mixon, Nell Hart .....	04/23/1938

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Mixon, O. C. ....	04/23/1938	Munroe, Mary S. ....	07/25/1885
Mobley, Mrs. J. A. ....	Before 1880	Munroe, Annie Bell ....	08/31/1890
Moehling, Delores (Mrs. Jack) ....	11/30/1969	Munroe, Maggie De Mumford ....	05/10/1891
Moehling, Eric John ....	12/23/1973	Munroe, Mary ....	05/10/1891
Moehling, Jack ....	11/30/1969	Munroe, Henry Stokes ....	05/24/1891
Moehling, Jeffrey Arthur ....	04/15/1976	Munroe, Sallie Coline ....	10/20/1895
Moehling, Jr., Jack Holmes ....	04/11/1971	Murdock, Claudia (Mrs. Marshall) ....	10/26/1969
Monroe, David Kenneth ....	11/21/1982	Murdock, Jennifer Anne ....	06/07/1987
Monroe, Dorothy E. McDuffie (Mrs. D. K.) ....	11/21/1982	Murdock, Marshall ....	10/26/1969
Moore, Asa L. ....	01/30/1938	Murdock, Virginia Caroline ....	06/06/1982
Moore, Brenda (Mrs. Robt. Clay) ....	11/27/1966	Murkin, Edith Madelene ....	10/17/1937
Moore, David Ward ....	12/23/1973	Murphy, James ....	Unknown
Moore, H. Clay ....	09/20/1953	Murray, Ruth Hollifield ....	06/15/1919
Moore, J. Bryce ....	06/02/1935	Myers, Barbara B. (Mrs. Granville) ....	01/21/1950
Moore, J. B. ....	06/02/1935	Myers, Granville ....	01/21/1950
Moore, John Franklin ....	05/20/1956	Myers, Janet Elaine ....	04/15/1960
Moore, Judson Theodore ....	12/04/1994	Myers, Mrs. Granville ....	01/21/1950
Moore, Laura Ruth ....	04/15/1976	Myers, II, Granville Guy ....	04/18/1965
Moore, Louise (Mrs. A. L.) ....	01/30/1938	Myrick, David ....	05/16/1965
Moore, Louise ....	01/30/1938	Myrick, Jean (Mrs. David) ....	05/16/1965
Moore, Lynda ....	09/03/1972	Nail, Arthur H. ....	09/25/1932
Moore, Marguerite Long (Mrs. O. L.) ....	04/16/1922	Nall, Jerry ....	12/08/1946
Moore, Marguerite Long ....	04/16/1922	Nalls, Hattie ....	04/03/1932
Moore, Mary Neal (Mrs. Robt., Jr.) ....	04/12/1959	Nash, Bonnie (Mrs. J. R., Jr.) ....	11/18/1979
Moore, Mrs. H. Clay ....	09/20/1953	Nash, David ....	04/10/1966
Moore, Robert Clay ....	11/27/1966	Nash, Janis Jenkins (Mrs. David) ....	07/01/1984
Moore, Robert Clay ....	04/05/1953	Nash, John Charles ....	12/21/1958
Moore, Rosemary ....	04/15/1960	Nash, Johnny ....	12/21/1958
Moore, Ruth C. (Mrs. J. B.) ....	08/28/1960	Nash, Joseph Robert ....	10/17/1937
Moore, Sara Shell (Mrs. J. F., Jr.) ....	02/02/1992	Nash, Joseph Robert ....	10/07/1937
Moore, III, Robert Gordon ....	07/02/1967	Nash, Stephanie Elizabeth ....	05/09/1999
Moore, Jr., John Franklin ....	12/22/1968	Nash, Tammy ....	11/11/2001
Moore, Jr., Mrs. Robert ....	04/12/1959	Nash, III, Joseph ....	11/11/2001
Moore, Jr., Robert ....	04/12/1959	Nash, Jr., Joseph Robert ....	04/01/1951
Morgan, Alice Ann (Mrs. Richard) ....	02/24/1991	Neelly, Sue Pope (Mrs. Richard) ....	02/12/1973
Morgan, Alice ....	11/04/1900	Neely, Betty C. (Mrs. Sam A.) ....	03/08/1961
Morgan, Daniel Dean ....	01/17/1993	Neely, Eleanor ....	09/03/1972
Morgan, Linda (Mrs. Daneil D.) ....	01/17/1993	Neely, Mary Maxwell ....	04/07/1963
Morgan, Francis T. ....	Unknown	Neely, Sam A. ....	03/08/1961
Morrison, William Hall ....	06/23/1896	Neill, G. Oscar ....	12/13/1891
Morrison, S. R. ....	04/27/1902	Nelson, Carol Anne ....	04/15/1960
Morrison, Effie ....	11/02/1902	Nelson, Christopher Lee ....	05/30/1993
Morrissey, Linda ....	05/31/1998	Nelson, David ....	04/17/1955
Morrissey, William ....	05/31/1998	Nelson, Dicey ....	12/20/1896
Morrow, John Howard ....	04/24/1994	Nelson, Douglas Edward ....	04/18/1965
Morrow, Mary (Mrs. R. L.) ....	03/14/1954	Nelson, Ginny Kathryn ....	05/09/1999
Morrow, Mary ....	03/14/1954	Nelson, Karen (Mrs. Douglas) ....	12/16/1979
Morrow, Suzanne Clark (Mrs. John H.) ....	04/24/1994	Nelson, Noah ....	10/05/1924
Moseley, Emily Feagin (Mrs. R. P.) ....	04/29/1979	Nelson, Turner Wooddill ....	01/29/1950
Moseley, Richard P. ....	04/29/1979	Nelson, Turner Woodill ....	01/29/1950
Mosteller, L. R. ....	03/12/1912	Nelson, Ella ....	01/27/1907
Mosteller, Mrs. L. R. ....	03/12/1912	Newland, Benjamin ....	05/03/1896
Mount, Byrd (Mrs. Lindsay) ....	10/15/1972	Newland, Jessie Hendry ....	09/27/1885
Mount, Lindsay ....	10/15/1972	Newland, Victoria ....	10/24/1915
Mullis, Ruth E. ....	08/26/1973	Newland, Jessie May ....	05/03/1896
Munday, L. R. Malone ....	10/22/1899	Newland, Josephine C. ....	05/13/1899
Munday, Sadie ....	05/10/1908	Newland, Mary H. ....	03/29/1903



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Newland, Jr., William Calhoun .....	01/27/1924
Newland, Jr., Calhoun .....	01/27/1924
Newland, Jr., Helen .....	07/05/1936
Newman, Kathleen McIver .....	12/08/1946
Newman, Robert .....	12/08/1946
Nicholson, Lelia (Mrs. Roscoe) .....	07/12/1936
Nichols, D. M. ....	12/01/1940
Nichols, Helen L. ....	04/03/1932
Nichols, Lucile White .....	01/15/1919
Nichols, Sarah .....	12/01/1940
Nichols, Thomas Leroy .....	04/01/1928
Nichols, Thomas LeRoy .....	04/01/1928
Nichols, Ward .....	11/02/1986
Nicholson, Lelia .....	07/12/1936
Nicholson, Nancy Carol .....	04/29/1956
Nicholson, Peggy Jean .....	04/01/1951
Nicholson, Roscoe .....	07/12/1936
Noles, Bonnie Lee .....	02/21/1954
Noles, Bonnie Lee .....	02/21/1924
Noles, Katie Cason (Mrs. A. J.) .....	10/07/1923
Noles, Katie Caison .....	10/07/1923
Norman, Jane Duskin (Mrs. G., III) .....	12/03/1978
Norman, Mary Katherine .....	05/30/1993
Norman, Nancy M. (Mrs. L. G., III) .....	10/07/1973
Norman, III, Lewis G. ....	10/07/1973
Norman, IV, Lewis Grady .....	05/04/1997
Norment, Jill Mallicoat .....	01/26/1997
Norment, III, Richard .....	01/26/1997
Nuttall, Daniel Morrison .....	08/14/1924
Nuttall, Virginia Clarke .....	08/14/1924
Nyenhuis, Mrs. Ronald .....	05/16/1965
Nyenhuis, Ronald .....	05/16/1965
Oakes, Ester Lisa .....	04/15/1976
Oakes, Esther C. ....	10/24/1976
O'Neill, Connie (Mrs. George) .....	03/20/1983
Ordway, Claire .....	04/27/1932
Osborne, James N. ....	Unknown
Owen, Jr., Duncan Shaw .....	04/02/1944
Owen, Jr., Mrs. Duncan Shaw .....	12/27/1942
Owens, Allen Scott .....	06/08/1997
Owens, Julie Howard .....	06/08/1997
Paen, Anthony J. ....	08/27/1995
Paen, Betty Hazen (Mrs. Anthony) .....	02/19/1995
Palmer, Paulette .....	02/06/1983
Palmer, Mary .....	05/04/1908
Parham, Benjamin Clayton .....	05/24/1992
Parham, Elizabeth H. (Mrs. B. C.) .....	05/24/1992
Parke, Dean .....	07/14/1991
Parke, Mrs. Dean .....	07/14/1991
Parker, Charles Thomas .....	06/23/1968
Parker, Eleanor (Mrs. Charles. T.) .....	06/23/1968
Parker, J. F. ....	10/03/1937
Parker, Mary .....	05/03/1925
Parker, Mrs. H. J. ....	03/29/1925
Parker, Mrs. J. F. ....	10/03/1937
Parker, Terry Gene .....	12/22/1968
Parks, E. J. ....	12/01/1940

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Parks, Florence .....	09/18/1932
Parks, J. Harold .....	02/25/1915
Parks, Katherine McCall .....	03/22/1891
Parks, Katherine M. ....	03/05/1905
Parks, L. Mack .....	03/22/1891
Parks, Laurie A. ....	01/10/1915
Parks, Marie .....	01/27/1907
Parks, Minnie (Mrs. Thomas) .....	09/18/1932
Parks, Minnie .....	09/18/1932
Parks, Mrs. E. J. ....	12/01/1940
Parks, Thomas .....	09/18/1932
Parks, William Ransom .....	01/01/1933
Parks, Jr., Thomas .....	09/18/1932
Parrott, Annie D. ....	05/00/1926
Parrott, Earl W. ....	05/00/1926
Parrott, Helen .....	10/03/1937
Parrott, Sarah .....	12/07/1947
Parsons, Carper T. ....	06/06/1937
Parsons, Jason B. ....	10/24/1920
Parsons, Sampson P. ....	10/24/1920
Parsons, Mary Ann .....	02/03/1907
Patrick, Dan A. ....	05/12/1929
Patrick, Dan .....	05/12/1929
Patrick, Edith .....	05/27/1934
Patterson, Jesse S. ....	Before 1879
Patton, Robert .....	07/00/1861
Patton, Nancy .....	07/00/1861
Patton, Amanda S. ....	Unknown
Patton, Alice .....	Unknown
Patton, Charles G. ....	Unknown
Pearsall, Mrs. J. C. ....	Unknown
Pearsall, Kate M. ....	Before 1880
Pearsall, Clara .....	Before 1880
Peck, Norma Mann .....	12/07/1941
Peck, Robert Young .....	12/07/1941
Pegram, C. W. ....	09/24/1922
Pegram, Charles Baker .....	02/01/1931
Pegram, Charles Breckinridge .....	04/17/1949
Pegram, Charles .....	02/01/1931
Pegram, Douglas .....	12/22/1957
Pegram, Janet Paisley .....	04/07/1963
Pegram, Mary Cameron Stewart .....	04/18/1954
Pegram, Miles P. ....	Unknown
Pendergraft, Charles .....	03/18/2001
Pendergraft, Katy .....	03/18/2001
Pennell, A. H. ....	04/07/1955
Pennell, Erin Elizabeth .....	05/09/1999
Pennell, Liggie .....	10/05/1924
Pennell, Mark Bruce .....	11/21/1993
Pennell, Shannon Waters (Mrs. Todd D.) .....	05/21/1995
Pennell, Shawn Triplett (Mrs. M. B.) .....	11/21/1993
Pennell, Todd Douglas .....	05/21/1995
Pennington, Lee (Mrs. G. H. Tuttle) .....	10/07/1934
Penuel, Linda (Mrs. Wm. A.) .....	01/31/1971
Penuel, William Andrew .....	01/31/1971
Perdue, Anne Rabb (Mrs. Todd) .....	06/10/1984
Perdue, Todd .....	06/10/1984



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Perry, Jack .....	04/02/1972	Presnell, Caroline .....	06/15/1919
Perry, Mary (Mrs. Jack) .....	04/02/1972	Presnell, Estelle (Mrs. Victor) .....	06/03/1962
Peterkin, Susan (Mrs. T. W.) .....	02/21/1971	Presnell, Russell .....	04/03/1955
Peterkin, Thomas W. ....	02/21/1971	Presnell, Kate .....	05/24/1908
Petree, George William .....	10/02/1938	Prestwood, Bertha .....	10/06/1929
Petree, Gilbert .....	04/07/1963	Prestwood, Boone .....	06/15/1919
Petree, Jr., George William .....	04/09/1950	Prestwood, Dewey Jerome .....	09/16/1928
Petrie, George William .....	10/02/1938	Prestwood, Dora E. ....	12/16/1916
Petrie, Mollie Martin .....	04/18/1954	Prestwood, Grace Elizabeth .....	09/16/1928
Petrie, Jr., George William .....	04/19/1950	Prestwood, John C. ....	12/12/1929
Pfaff, Arthur Eugene .....	11/11/1928	Prestwood, Johnson C. ....	12/12/1929
Pfaff, Ella .....	11/11/1928	Prestwood, Mae Natalie .....	06/03/1928
Phillips, Elizabeth (Mrs. J. H.) .....	11/03/1930	Prestwood, Mrs. W. S. ....	10/06/1929
Phillips, Elizabeth .....	11/03/1930	Prestwood, Nanny Alice .....	12/12/1929
Phillips, Jack Parks .....	10/20/1929	Prestwood, Ollie Lee .....	12/16/1916
Phillips, James H. ....	11/03/1930	Prestwood, Ralph M. ....	09/16/1928
Phillips, James Hilkin .....	11/03/1930	Prestwood, Robert Luther .....	04/04/1948
Pilkington, James Bryant .....	04/09/1950	Prestwood, Walter Sidney .....	12/08/1929
Pitts, Hunter .....	02/01/1970	Prestwood, Tilden .....	07/15/1893
Pitts, Maurie Simpson .....	09/14/1952	Prestwood, Rebecca .....	02/17/1901
Plenge, Charles .....	10/11/1961	Price, Alice Dyson .....	06/15/1924
Plenge, Richard .....	10/11/1961	Price, Alice .....	06/15/1924
Poarch, Derek Keven .....	09/26/1993	Price, George .....	03/09/1941
Poland, Jane .....	09/01/1957	Price, Hailey Lovins .....	06/15/1919
Poland, Mrs. Robert .....	11/21/1966	Price, J. Hugh .....	10/13/1929
Ponds, Frank .....	10/05/1931	Price, Jean .....	04/08/1951
Ponds, Mrs. Frank .....	10/05/1931	Price, Jo Alice .....	08/01/1937
Pons, Clementine .....	10/05/1931	Price, J. Kelley .....	05/28/1899
Pons, Frank .....	10/05/1931	Price, Mrs. J. Kelley .....	05/28/1899
Pons, Henritta Madeline .....	11/19/1933	Price, Tate .....	05/28/1899
Pons, Mary Frances .....	11/26/1933	Pridemore, Kathleen .....	02/22/1942
Pope, Ann .....	12/14/1952	Pridemore, Robert .....	02/22/1942
Pope, Elizabeth (Betsy) .....	11/25/1973	Pridemore, Jr., Robert Goodman .....	04/01/1951
Pope, Mrs. Thurston R. ....	12/14/1952	Pritchard, Cynthia Arnold .....	03/15/1959
Pope, Thurston R. ....	12/14/1952	Pritchard, James Turner .....	06/01/1907
Pope, Vinnie Mary .....	07/03/1921	Pritchard, James T. ....	06/01/1907
Porch, Janie .....	05/28/1899	Pritchard, Margaret Martin .....	06/18/1921
Porch, Delia .....	05/28/1899	Pritchard, Margaret Martin .....	06/01/1907
Poteat, Frank Edward .....	04/11/1943	Pritchard, Mebane Moore .....	04/02/1944
Poteat, Jennifer Lyn .....	04/15/1976	Pritchard, Vera May Georgia .....	04/02/1939
Poteat, Julie Ann .....	12/23/1973	Pritchard, Jr., James Turner .....	11/19/1933
Poteat, Louise .....	01/04/1931	Pritchett, Cynthia Arnold (Mrs. J. T., Jr.) .....	03/15/1959
Poteat, Mary (Mrs. F. E.) .....	10/26/1958	Pritchett, Mabane Moore .....	04/05/1944
Poteat, Mary .....	10/26/1958	Pritchett, Margaret Martin (Mrs. J. D.) .....	06/18/1921
Potter, Anna Lee .....	01/26/1997	Pritchett, James T. ....	06/01/1907
Potter, Steven Burton "Steve" .....	01/26/1997	Pritchett, Jr., James Turner .....	11/19/1933
Powell, Mattie Freeze .....	10/27/1889	Proctor, Brandon .....	05/04/1997
Powell, Annie Laurie .....	08/31/1890	Proctor, Eddie .....	03/23/1986
Powell, Mary L. ....	04/01/1891	Proctor, Kristen Michelle .....	05/07/1995
Powell, Horace .....	04/26/1891	Proctor, Mrs. Eddie .....	03/23/1986
Powell, Minnie Jane .....	06/14/1891	Proffitt, Lillie Culver .....	05/18/1952
Powell, Jessie .....	05/28/1899	Proffitt, Lily Culver (Mrs. T. E.) .....	05/18/1952
Powers, Bryan Faber .....	05/15/1988	Proffitt, Thomas Edgar .....	05/18/1952
Powers, Meredith Neil .....	06/03/1984	Puckett, Ollie May .....	10/06/1929
Powers, Robbie Lynn .....	05/19/1991	Puett, Jerome .....	06/27/1926
Powers, Robert .....	09/28/1980	Purdie, Lynn (Mrs. J. W., Jr.) .....	08/29/1965
Powers, Susan (Mrs. Robt.) .....	09/28/1980	Purdie, Jr., John Wesley .....	08/29/1965

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Pursell, James J. ....	Unknown
Pursell, Henrietta S. ....	Unknown
Putman, Helen Winkler .....	09/29/1935
Putzel, Dorothea (Mrs. J. H. R., Sr.) .....	08/28/1960
Putzel, Mary (Mayme) Ellinora .....	12/22/1968
Putzel, Jr., James H. R. ....	08/28/1960
Putzel, Sr., James Hill Ramsey .....	08/28/1960
Query, Erin .....	12/04/1983
Rabb, Tracey .....	12/04/1983
Rabb, Vickie Ervin (Mrs. W. M., Jr.) .....	04/13/1952
Rader, Ashley Ann .....	06/07/1987
Rader, Kelly Lenore .....	05/19/1991
Radke, Jeff George .....	05/31/1998
Rainbolt, Elaine (Mrs. James) .....	01/26/1958
Rainbolt, James .....	04/21/1946
Rainbolt, Mary Ruth .....	04/09/1950
Rainbolt, Mrs. James W. ....	01/26/1958
Rainbolt, Ruth Kilby (Mrs. W. G.) .....	04/19/1935
Rainbolt, Ruth .....	04/19/1935
Rainbolt, William Gordon .....	06/02/1935
Raines, Carolyn (Mrs. J. D.) .....	01/25/1981
Raines, Jason D. ....	01/25/1981
Raines, Jason Cary .....	05/18/1986
Raines, Jennifer .....	06/03/1984
Raines, Jon Graydon .....	06/06/1982
Ramsaun, Richard A. ....	04/02/1905
Ramsaun, Frederick H. ....	03/31/1907
Rankin, Ann D. ....	04/12/1857
Rankin, Sarah T. ....	04/12/1857
Rankin, Ella A. ....	04/12/1857
Rankin, Emma S. ....	04/12/1857
Rankin, Jane .....	Before 1861
Rankin, Henrietta S. ....	Unknown
Rankin, Joseph K. ....	Unknown
Rankin, Bettie S. ....	Unknown
Rankin, Mary D. ....	Unknown
Rankin, Louisa M. ....	Before 1896
Rash, Anne Ellen .....	04/02/1933
Rash, Frances L. ....	11/04/1934
Rash, Grace Eller .....	09/21/1919
Rash, Harden B. ....	12/12/1909
Rash, John Benjamin .....	04/02/1939
Rash, Lila .....	12/24/1944
Ray, Charles F. ....	05/07/1922
Ray, Donald Edward .....	04/11/1943
Ray, Robert L. ....	04/18/1929
Raynor, Mickey G. ....	04/18/1999
Reason, Richard .....	03/29/1970
Reedy, John .....	12/27/1906
Reese, John D. ....	02/05/1961
Reese, Justin .....	05/13/2001
Reese, Mrs. J. D. ....	02/05/1961
Reese, Sanford .....	08/21/1938
Reichardt, George .....	10/18/1896
Reicherdt, Polly .....	10/17/1896
Reicherdt, George .....	10/18/1896
Reicherdt, Henry .....	04/15/1906

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Reicherdt, Mrs. Henry .....	04/15/1906
Reicherdt, Jr., Henry .....	01/11/1909
Reid, Bessie Beall .....	05/22/1886
Reid, Edward F. ....	05/22/1886
Reid, Edward T. ....	08/26/1894
Reid, Mrs. Edward F. ....	05/26/1886
Reid, Regina .....	11/19/1902
Reid, Regina .....	11/09/1902
Reighard, Elizabeth .....	10/12/1941
Reighard, George .....	10/12/1941
Reighard, James David .....	04/10/1966
Reighard, L. E. ....	10/12/1941
Reighard, Patton Breen .....	04/07/1963
Reighard, Rose W. (Mrs. George) .....	03/30/1947
Reighard, Steven Withers .....	04/17/1955
Reighard, Steven Wither .....	04/17/1955
Reiley, Charles Alan .....	06/07/1981
Reiley, Charles .....	09/10/1978
Reiley, Laurie .....	09/10/1978
Reiley, Lucy (Mrs. Charles) .....	09/10/1978
Reins, Elizabeth Teckla .....	04/05/1931
Reins, Elizabeth Seehorn .....	01/19/1909
Reins, Emma Roberta .....	11/19/1933
Reins, Frances .....	04/11/1926
Reins, Lizzie S. (Mrs. R. F.) .....	01/03/1909
Reins, Lizzie S. ....	01/03/1909
Reins, R. F. ....	04/04/1926
Reitsma, Jan Foeke .....	10/16/1960
Renegar, Gary .....	11/20/1977
Renegar, Lynda .....	11/20/1977
Renegar, Ryan Jason .....	06/07/1987
Renegar, Timothy Justin .....	05/15/1988
Renegar, Zachary Van .....	05/19/1991
Respass, Katherine (Mrs. W. W., Jr.) .....	09/10/1978
Respass, Jr., William Wallace .....	09/10/1978
Rex, Elizabeth (Mrs. George) .....	10/16/1988
Rex, George .....	10/16/1988
Rice, Rhoda Emma .....	01/25/1907
Rice, Irene .....	04/18/1954
Rice, James L. ....	Unknown
Rice, Nancy .....	Unknown
Richard, Henry .....	Before 1885
Richard, Wilhelmina .....	Unknown
Richard, Jr., Henry .....	05/02/1880
Richards, Arthur Lee .....	10/20/1920
Richards, Barbara Allen .....	04/01/1945
Richards, Bonnie C. ....	04/01/1945
Richards, Charles E. ....	10/13/1929
Richards, Donald Andrew .....	04/04/1948
Richards, Eva Hood .....	08/20/1922
Richards, George B. ....	12/17/1911
Richards, James A. ....	03/26/1905
Richards, James A. ....	04/26/1905
Richards, Nick Alexander Waters .....	05/09/1999
Richards, Shirley Rebecca Ann .....	04/04/1948
Richards, William C. ....	09/25/1978
Richards, William C. ....	09/21/1947



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Richards, William .....	10/21/1923	Robinson, Mrs. Donald M. ....	05/25/1952
Richards, Mattie Elizabeth .....	02/03/1907	Robinson, Mrs. George L. ....	06/25/1944
Roach, Carol Yvonne .....	12/21/1958	Robinson, Mrs. Harold .....	06/16/1946
Roach, Christina Ann .....	04/07/1963	Robinson, Sam .....	08/29/1982
Roach, Mildred Faulkinburg .....	03/14/1952	Robson, Charles Evander .....	06/28/1998
Roach, Myra Jean .....	04/18/1954	Robson, Jennifer Brown .....	06/28/1998
Roach, Robert Burchell .....	03/14/1952	Roseboro, Mary N. ....	10/09/1887
Roach, Wildred Faulkenberg (Mrs. R. B) .....	03/14/1952	Roseboro, Blanch A. ....	Unknown
Roach, Jr., Robert B. ....	04/18/1965	Roseboro, Laura M. ....	Unknown
Robbins, Billy .....	11/19/1961	Roseboro, Fannie E. ....	Unknown
Robbins, Ethel Fay .....	05/15/1925	Roseboro, Annie .....	10/09/1887
Robbins, Ethel .....	02/15/1925	Ross, Carrie .....	05/13/2001
Robbins, George .....	02/15/1925	Ross, Jon-David .....	05/04/1997
Robbins, George .....	05/15/1925	Ross, Patricia Gayle (Mrs. Scott R.) .....	06/01/1986
Robbins, Jonnie (Mrs. Orrin) .....	11/12/1939	Ross, Scott Raymond .....	06/01/1986
Robbins, Jonnie Russell .....	11/12/1939	Rothrock, Penny (Mrs. Samuel P.) .....	06/28/1987
Robbins, Laura (Mrs. George) .....	08/10/1947	Rothrock, Samuel Parker .....	06/28/1987
Robbins, Laura Lee .....	12/22/1957	Rouse, Charles R. ....	09/20/1953
Robbins, Lucy C. (Mrs. R. C.) .....	01/04/1953	Rouse, Hal Douglas .....	12/04/1994
Robbins, Lucy .....	01/04/1953	Rouse, Mrs. Charles R. ....	09/20/1953
Robbins, Mary Rebecca .....	12/21/1958	Rouse, Pamela Koon (Mrs. Hal D.) .....	12/04/1994
Robbins, Mary Rebecca Ann .....	12/21/1958	Rowland, Alliene (Mrs. Jack) .....	03/22/1961
Robbins, Maude (Mrs. M. C.) .....	08/29/1965	Rowland, Jack .....	03/22/1961
Robbins, Maude Austin .....	10/04/1908	Rowland, Jack E. ....	11/30/1958
Robbins, Mrs. George .....	08/10/1947	Rowland, Mrs. Jack E. ....	11/30/1958
Robbins, Mrs. T. M. ....	11/24/1946	Roylas, Mary Alice .....	04/01/1945
Robbins, Orrin .....	05/15/1925	Ruark, Bobby L. ....	11/19/1967
Robbins, Orrin R. ....	02/15/1925	Ruark, Joy Leigh .....	03/30/1975
Robbins, Ralph H. ....	02/15/1925	Ruark, Joyce (Mrs. Bobby L.) .....	11/19/1967
Robbins, Rev. Robey C. ....	02/15/1925	Rudel, Mrs. F. J. ....	02/22/1931
Robbins, Robey C. ....	02/15/1925	Rundel, Mrs. F. J. ....	02/22/1931
Robbins, Ruth Kincaid (Mrs. T. M.) .....	11/24/1946	Safley, Betty Sue (Mrs. Jay) .....	10/13/1991
Robbins, Ruth .....	11/27/1949	Safley, Jay .....	10/13/1991
Robbins, T. M. ....	11/24/1946	Sander, Deborah Lynn .....	03/30/1975
Robbins, Vada Rainey .....	04/01/1945	Sanders, Jeffrey Lee .....	03/30/1975
Robbins, William Henry .....	12/09/1923	Sanders, Roy Lynn .....	10/13/1974
Robbins, Jr., George .....	11/19/1961	Sanders, Ruth T. ....	10/11/1961
Robbins, Jr., Orrin Roby .....	04/18/1965	Saunders, Wiley Wilson .....	09/15/1925
Roberts, Kenneth .....	11/19/2000	Saunders, Wiley Wilson .....	09/15/1929
Roberts, Theodore Roosevelt .....	03/19/1944	Saunders, William R. ....	01/12/1930
Roberts, Elsie U. ....	01/03/1937	Saunders, Williams .....	01/12/1930
Robertson, James H. ....	12/08/1929	Saunders, John C. ....	01/27/1907
Robertson, Joseph H. ....	12/08/1929	Saunders, Anabel .....	01/27/1907
Robertson, Mary Ramsey (Mrs. J. H.) .....	12/08/1929	Saunders, Nancy .....	10/02/1908
Robertson, Mary Ramsey .....	12/08/1929	Saunders, Larkin .....	01/14/1909
Robertson, Mrs. James H. ....	12/08/1929	Saylor, Robin .....	08/00/2002
Robinson, Ann (Mrs. Geo. S.) .....	04/29/1979	Schell, Betty Jo Turner (Mrs. E. C.) .....	02/03/1957
Robinson, Charles .....	11/29/1959	Schell, Betty Jo Turner .....	02/03/1957
Robinson, Donald M. ....	05/25/1952	Schell, Edwin Clyde .....	02/03/1957
Robinson, Edna Earl .....	06/24/1934	Schell, Janet Elizabeth .....	12/23/1973
Robinson, George L. ....	06/25/1944	Schell, Karen Marie .....	03/29/1970
Robinson, George Sidney .....	04/29/1956	Schenault, Mary Hull .....	06/23/1935
Robinson, Harold .....	06/16/1946	Scholl, Rebecca McLean .....	11/14/1920
Robinson, Jeanne (Mrs. Sam) .....	08/29/1982	Scholl, William F. ....	11/14/1920
Robinson, Kay Lorraine .....	04/15/1960	Scott, Jessie (Mrs. John) .....	02/13/1972
Robinson, Lorraine (Mrs. Charles) .....	11/14/1943	Scott, John .....	02/13/1972
Robinson, Lorraine Miller .....	11/14/1943	Scott, Mary Ed .....	09/18/1926



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Scroggs, J. Mason .....	06/15/1919
Scroggs, Agnes Thompson (Mrs. J. C.) .....	12/05/1950
Scroggs, Henry Lemar .....	04/05/1931
Scroggs, J. Mason .....	06/15/1919
Scroggs, James William .....	08/01/1937
Scroggs, John Cecil .....	05/05/1931
Scroggs, John Cecil .....	04/05/1931
Scroggs, John C. ....	04/05/1931
Scroggs, Mary Rabb (Mrs. J. M.) .....	03/05/1922
Scroggs, Mary Rabb .....	03/05/1922
Scroggs, Nancy Caroline .....	12/23/1973
Scroggs, Susan Elizabeth .....	03/29/1970
Scroggs, Jr., John Cecil .....	07/02/1967
Seagle, Alma Newland .....	10/21/1914
Seagle, Isabel Richmond (Mrs. J. C.) .....	10/11/1903
Seagle, Isabel Richmond .....	10/11/1903
Seagle, Isabell Richmond .....	10/11/1903
Seagle, Jacob C. ....	01/04/1931
Searcy, Thomas .....	05/12/1889
Searfoss, Kristin Elisabeth .....	11/21/1993
Seehorn, India L. ....	06/26/1921
Seehorn, Emily Elizabeth .....	01/03/1909
Seitz, Myrtle Ledbetter .....	01/11/1925
Self, Joan (Mrs. Richard) .....	04/10/1988
Self, Richard .....	04/10/1988
Setzer, Claude .....	05/31/1931
Setzer, Cora A. (Mrs. Claude) .....	03/12/1905
Setzer, Cora A. ....	03/12/1905
Setzer, Cora Alley .....	04/12/1905
Setzer, Dare .....	08/13/1922
Setzer, Everett F. ....	10/13/1929
Setzer, Jewel Elizabeth .....	04/05/1931
Setzer, Marion .....	04/21/1931
Setzer, Mary Evelyn .....	06/17/1937
Setzer, Metta (Mrs. Everett) .....	12/08/1935
Setzer, Metta .....	12/08/1935
Setzer, Mrs. Boyd .....	00/00/1940
Setzer, Susan .....	11/20/1925
Setzes, Bessie .....	10/06/1929
Shanks, Betsy McCorkle (Mrs. R. E.) .....	09/28/1975
Shanks, John .....	10/25/1970
Shanks, John Rhea .....	10/25/1970
Shanks, Kenneth Lynn .....	10/25/1970
Shanks, Martha (Mrs. John) .....	10/25/1970
Shanks, Maude .....	05/10/1981
Shanks, Richard Engle .....	10/25/1970
Shell, Carrie Lindsay (Mrs. W. O.) .....	03/12/1905
Shell, Carrie Lindsay .....	03/12/1905
Shell, Charles D. ....	11/11/2001
Shell, Charlotte .....	04/08/1923
Shell, Mary Elizabeth .....	04/02/1933
Shell, Oscar .....	10/03/1920
Shell, William Ira .....	10/13/1929
Shell, Jr., William Oscar .....	04/02/1933
Shell, Sr., W. Oscar .....	10/03/1920
Sheppard, E. E. ....	11/25/1951
Sheppard, Edward A. ....	04/18/1954

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Sheppard, Elizabeth Ann .....	04/18/1954
Sheppard, Lois Yound (Mrs. Ed) .....	12/01/1946
Sheppard, Lois Yound .....	12/01/1946
Sherrill, Neill S. ....	12/08/1929
Sherrill, Susan T. ....	Before 1896
Sherrill, Rufus L. ....	10/29/1899
Shoe, Leila .....	06/15/1919
Shoemaker, Jackie (Mrs. John) .....	10/15/1972
Shumway, Florence April .....	04/05/1953
Sigmon, A. D. ....	04/00/1934
Sigmon, Carswell M. ....	05/15/1921
Sigmon, Caswell M. ....	12/23/1894
Sigmon, Ella Irwin .....	12/29/1929
Sigmon, Ella Browder .....	12/29/1929
Sigmon, Frank S. ....	05/15/1921
Sigmon, Frank .....	05/15/1921
Sigmon, Gordon Banks .....	11/19/1919
Sigmon, Mrs. M. J. ....	05/15/1921
Sigmon, Maggie .....	12/23/1894
Sigmon, Henry .....	04/11/1895
Sigmon, Laura .....	04/11/1895
Sigmon, Artie .....	05/28/1899
Sigmon, Benjamin A. ....	03/12/1905
Sime, Ann H. (Mrs. Stephen) .....	09/09/1973
Sime, Anna Vaughn .....	05/19/1991
Sime, Maggie .....	05/13/2001
Sime, Myron Ronnie .....	04/01/1951
Sime, Myron T. ....	09/19/1943
Sime, Myron Ronnie .....	04/01/1941
Sime, Stephen Tyler .....	05/30/1993
Sime, Stephen .....	12/22/1957
Simmons, Karen (Mrs. G. C. "Bud, III) .....	04/14/1985
Simmons, Laura Ashley .....	05/18/1986
Simmons, Mabel Elizabeth .....	11/03/1940
Simmons, III, G. C. "Bud" .....	05/18/1986
Simpson, Kate B. ....	11/17/1907
Singleton, Annette Hutcheson .....	01/17/1993
Singleton, H. J. ....	06/26/1921
Sipes, Baney Clifford .....	11/04/1934
Sipes, Bernice Lucile .....	04/05/1942
Sipes, Bessie Edith .....	03/31/1929
Sipes, Bruce Glenn .....	12/22/1968
Sipes, Daniel .....	03/29/1970
Sipes, Daniel .....	12/30/1928
Sipes, Della (Mrs. Frank) .....	10/07/1923
Sipes, Della .....	10/07/1923
Sipes, Edward Wayne .....	04/05/1953
Sipes, Elaine (Mrs. Baynie) .....	06/01/1969
Sipes, Eugene .....	10/14/1923
Sipes, Frank .....	10/24/1920
Sipes, Hilliard .....	01/23/1907
Sipes, James Alan .....	07/03/1979
Sipes, Leonard .....	10/14/1923
Sipes, Mavis Christine .....	11/04/1934
Sipes, Mrs. Bayne C. ....	03/29/1953
Sipes, Oeonard .....	10/14/1923
Sipes, Willard .....	10/14/1923

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Sisco, Barbara .....	06/02/1985	Smith, Mrs. M. L. ....	03/26/1905
Slaght, Jr., Charles Clifford .....	10/10/1976	Smith, Lillian May .....	04/23/1905
Slaughter, Michael .....	04/02/1989	Smith, Martha .....	03/14/1909
Slaughter, Susan (Mrs. Michael) .....	04/02/1989	Smith, Jr., Melbourne F. ....	07/24/1955
Slaughter, Suzanne .....	04/02/1989	Smith, Jr., Melbourne .....	07/24/1955
Sloan, Lenora .....	Unknown	Snapp, Edward Neal .....	02/28/1971
Sloop, Jackie (Mrs. John) .....	07/27/1975	Snapp, Georgie L. Byrd (Mrs. E. N.) .....	02/28/1971
Sloop, John .....	07/27/1975	Snelson, A. E. ....	06/08/1941
Smart, Candis Louise .....	04/24/1960	Snelson, Clarice .....	06/08/1941
Smart, Mrs. Willard F. ....	04/24/1960	Snelson, Mrs. A. E. ....	06/08/1941
Smart, Willard F. ....	04/24/1960	Snyder, Dana David .....	01/17/1993
Smart, Jr., Willard F. ....	04/24/1960	Snyder, Penny Tyler (Mrs. Dana D.) .....	01/17/1993
Smith, Barbara .....	12/17/1967	Sowell, James Richard .....	11/01/1998
Smith, Betty Jo Griffin (Mrs. Frank) .....	12/02/1956	Sowell, Richard Nicholas .....	05/09/1999
Smith, Brenda (Mrs. Robt. McCorkle) .....	08/29/1965	Sowell, Susan Kay .....	11/01/1998
Smith, Carol J. ....	12/17/1967	Spainhour, David .....	10/10/1943
Smith, Charles Eugene .....	09/23/1962	Spainhour, Jack .....	07/06/1930
Smith, Daryl Edna .....	11/21/1993	Spainhour, John Michael .....	04/05/1953
Smith, David Clarke .....	05/16/1993	Spainhour, Mary Jennings (Mrs. W. J.) .....	04/10/1916
Smith, Donna (Mrs. Randol) .....	07/26/1981	Spainhour, Mary Jennings .....	04/06/1947
Smith, Dupont .....	03/22/1936	Spainhour, Mildred E. ....	01/17/1937
Smith, J. Robert .....	11/27/1955	Spainhour, Mrs. Ralph H. ....	10/10/1943
Smith, Jean McCorkle (Mrs. C. E.) .....	09/23/1962	Spainhour, Richard E. ....	12/15/1935
Smith, Jenny (Mrs. Carol J.) .....	12/17/1967	Spainhour, Walter J. ....	06/08/1930
Smith, Karen .....	11/19/1961	Spainhour, Louise M. ....	Unknown
Smith, Katie Pauline .....	10/13/1929	Spainhour, Ralph H. ....	11/05/1893
Smith, Larry .....	09/02/1984	Spainhour, Edward A. ....	11/05/1893
Smith, Lavina (Mrs. Wm. H.) .....	11/21/1993	Spainhour, Ralph H. ....	10/10/1900
Smith, Lena Garnes .....	05/31/1998	Spainhour, Mrs. M. L. ....	10/13/1901
Smith, Lester .....	03/01/1959	Spainhour, E. A. ....	10/13/1901
Smith, Linda D. Jenkins (Mrs. R. McC) .....	09/26/1982	Spainhour, Hattie .....	02/02/1902
Smith, Lucy Bentley .....	02/14/1894	Spainhour, Jr., Walter Judson .....	04/01/1950
Smith, Lynn Jones (Mrs. D. C.) .....	05/16/1993	Spears, James .....	04/11/1943
Smith, Lytell Branchford .....	03/19/1944	Spencer, Edward Lee .....	10/08/1911
Smith, Margaret .....	10/27/1935	Spencer, Joe C. ....	01/14/1912
Smith, Marinella (Mrs. J. Robert) .....	11/27/1955	Spencer, John Robert .....	06/25/1978
Smith, Maxine P. (Mrs. R. H.) .....	08/29/1965	Spencer, Joseph Claude .....	01/14/1912
Smith, Mrs. Lester .....	01/08/1956	Spencer, Mrs. Joseph .....	11/30/1958
Smith, Nancy Alice .....	09/23/1962	Spencer, Stella (Mrs. Joe) .....	11/30/1958
Smith, Paula (Mrs. Larry) .....	09/02/1984	Spicer, Barry .....	01/14/1973
Smith, Peggy Lee .....	04/01/1951	Spicer, Dianne Banker (Mrs. Barry) .....	01/14/1973
Smith, Ralph Julian .....	04/16/1944	Spicer, Erica Renae .....	05/04/1997
Smith, Randol .....	07/26/1981	Spicer, Jennifer Marie .....	05/15/1988
Smith, Ricky David .....	03/24/1996	Spicer, John .....	01/29/1996
Smith, Robert H. ....	08/29/1965	Spicer, Melanie Dianne .....	05/19/1991
Smith, Robert McCorkle .....	09/23/1962	St. John, Jane .....	10/19/1924
Smith, Russell F. "Rusty" .....	10/16/1994	St. John, Vance A. ....	12/01/1935
Smith, Shirley (Mrs. M. F., Jr.) .....	07/24/1955	Stalheim, Denise Michelle .....	04/15/2001
Smith, Shirley .....	07/24/1955	Stalheim, Kathryn Elaine .....	06/07/1981
Smith, Steve .....	12/21/1958	Stalheim, Martin Powell .....	05/18/1986
Smith, Viola .....	10/06/1929	Stalheim, Rodney .....	06/22/1980
Smith, Virginia Dare .....	12/23/1984	Stalheim, Susan (Mrs. Rodney) .....	06/22/1980
Smith, William Hines .....	11/21/1993	Stallings, Bertha Beeson .....	10/04/1925
Smith, George H. ....	07/26/1896	Stallings, Minyard Durant .....	10/04/1925
Smith, Mary .....	07/26/1896	Stapleton, Heather Leigh .....	06/03/1979
Smith, Mattie .....	09/25/1898	Stapleton, Kay Elizabeth .....	04/15/1976
Smith, Charles .....	03/19/1905	Stapleton, Melba (Mrs. Robt.) .....	02/01/1976



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Stapleton, Richard Leighton .....	02/01/1976
Stapleton, Robert .....	02/01/1976
Starnes, Anne (Mrs. Thomas) .....	10/16/1994
Starnes, Thomas .....	10/16/1994
Starr, Chaney DeAnne .....	04/24/1994
Steele, Henry L. ....	03/24/1996
Steele, Sharon Ann "Sherry" .....	03/24/1996
Steele, Maude .....	09/30/1906
Stemple, Bly .....	10/06/1929
Stemple, Willis E. ....	07/08/1945
Steve, Connie (Mrs. Steven) .....	12/14/1986
Steven, Thomas H. ....	07/03/1977
Stevens, Amelia Dare .....	05/30/1993
Stevens, Herbert .....	10/24/1976
Stevens, Nancy Kennerly (Mrs. Thomas) .....	04/06/1947
Stevens, Rebecca Jane .....	05/07/1995
Stevens, Rebecca (Mrs. Herbert) .....	10/24/1976
Stevens, Robert Byron .....	06/03/1979
Stevens, Susan Kennerly .....	06/03/1979
Stevens, Thomas Franklin .....	06/07/1981
Stevenson, Donald Scott .....	12/19/1976
Stevenson, June (Mrs. Donald) .....	12/19/1976
Stevenson, Kimberly Sue .....	12/19/1976
Stewart, Allene .....	03/08/1981
Stewart, Dick .....	03/27/1960
Stewart, Dorothy A. (Mrs. Dick) .....	03/27/1960
Stewart, Ned Allen .....	04/07/1963
Stewart, Sherry (Mrs. R. K., Jr.) .....	10/23/1983
Stewart, Jr., Richard Kent .....	10/23/1983
Stidfole, Elsie .....	04/08/1951
Stidham, Richard W. ....	10/13/1991
Stine, Ernest R. ....	05/28/1939
Stine, Francis M. ....	10/23/1898
Stine, Zora .....	05/28/1899
Stine, Ralph .....	05/28/1899
Stokes, Henry .....	12/13/1891
Stone, Kenneth .....	10/03/1920
Stone, Michael Kenneth .....	12/22/1968
Stone, Sheila Perkins (Mrs. J. K., Jr.) .....	06/03/1962
Stone, Tilden J. ....	12/12/1909
Stone, George E. ....	06/14/1891
Stone, Martha K. ....	06/14/1891
Stone, Jr., James K. ....	06/03/1962
Storie, Mary Evelyn .....	04/14/1938
Story, Brenda (Mrs. John L., Jr.) .....	05/12/1991
Story, John L. ....	01/30/1972
Story, Lawrence Walker .....	12/23/1973
Story, Lynn .....	01/39/1972
Story, Melissa (Mrs. John, Jr.) .....	09/02/1984
Story, Mrs. John L. ....	01/30/1972
Story, Rebecca G. ....	03/07/1982
Story, Jr., John L. ....	12/24/1972
Stough, Timothy Shane .....	01/17/1993
Stout, Mrs. H. D. ....	04/00/1921
Strange, Robert Joseph "Robbs" .....	05/07/1995
Strange, Steven .....	12/14/1986
Strawhorn, Douglas Barry .....	07/13/1969

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Strawhorn, Millie (Mrs. D. B.) .....	07/13/1969
Strawn, Ann Devlin .....	03/30/1975
Strawn, Marjorie Oakes (Mrs. W. H.) .....	10/28/1956
Strawn, Mark Frederick .....	06/03/1979
Strawn, Matthew William .....	12/23/1973
Strawn, Sandra .....	04/10/1966
Strawn, William H. ....	03/20/1966
Strine, Mary "Polly" Randolph (Mrs. R. E.) .....	08/26/1984
Strine, Robert E. ("Dutch") .....	08/26/1984
Stronach, Anne .....	11/11/1962
Stronach, Katherine .....	11/11/1962
Stronach, Mildred (Mrs. W. B., Jr.) .....	11/11/1962
Stronach, III, William B. ....	11/11/1962
Stronach, IV, William .....	05/13/2001
Stronach, Jr., William B. ....	11/11/1962
Stroter, Minnie Reese .....	04/05/1914
Stroter, Otis F. ....	04/05/1914
Strother, Minnie R. (Mrs. O. F.) .....	04/05/1914
Strother, Minnie R. ....	04/05/1914
Strother, Olivia Goodman .....	04/17/1927
Strother, Otis F. ....	04/05/1914
Strother, Otis Furman .....	05/13/1923
Strother, Rosalind .....	10/28/1923
Strother, Virginia Vaughn .....	04/17/1927
Strother, Woodrow Joffre .....	01/01/1933
Strother, Jr., Mrs. O. F. ....	05/19/1935
Strother, Jr., Otis F. ....	05/13/1923
Stubbs, D. H. ....	09/14/1924
Stubbs, Dan H. ....	09/14/1924
Stubbs, Lucille .....	09/14/1924
Stubbs, Lucille .....	09/16/1928
Stubbs, Jr., Daniel H. ....	09/16/1928
Studenberg, Joseph .....	03/06/1977
Studenberg, Mary Ann (Mrs. Joseph) .....	03/06/1977
Styres, LeNora (Mrs. Robt., Jr.) .....	08/05/1990
Styres, Mary Catherine .....	03/29/1970
Styres, Mary Sugg (Mrs. Robt. N.) .....	09/21/1958
Styres, Robert N. ....	09/21/1958
Styres, Suggie .....	09/21/1958
Styres, William Sugg .....	04/15/1976
Styres, Jr., Robert Newland .....	12/23/1973
Sudderth, Beulah M. ....	11/07/1909
Sudderth, Carl Leslie .....	10/02/1927
Sudderth, Claude W. ....	11/07/1909
Sudderth, Ella V. ....	10/09/1887
Sudderth, Ethel L. ....	08/29/1929
Sudderth, J. William .....	11/13/1887
Sudderth, Katherine Virginia .....	11/09/1919
Sudderth, Lottie .....	06/15/1919
Sudderth, Max .....	06/15/1919
Sudderth, Mildred .....	05/03/1925
Sudderth, Orilla J. ....	05/15/1904
Sudderth, Ray .....	06/15/1919
Sudderth, Robert Greer .....	08/20/1922
Sudderth, W. Clyde .....	01/24/1929
Sudderth, William Grady .....	08/29/1929
Sudderth, Carrie May .....	05/13/1888



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Sudderth, Jessie Lee .....	01/23/1907	Taylor, Robert M. ....	02/15/1888
Sudderth, Clyde .....	01/24/1909	Taylor, Andrew L. ....	10/15/1893
Suddreth, Bill Douglas .....	02/24/1944	Tedder, Louise .....	06/23/1929
Suddreth, Ella V. ....	10/09/1887	Tedders, Nancy .....	11/19/1924
Suddreth, Estelle B. (Mrs. W. Clyde) .....	05/24/1936	Teeter, Louise .....	06/23/1929
Suddreth, Estelle Blackwell .....	04/07/1940	Teeters, Essie Conley .....	09/30/1906
Suddreth, Ethel L. ....	08/29/1909	Temple, Ginny (Mrs. Jack) .....	12/16/1979
Suddreth, Floyd Willis .....	10/04/1936	Temple, Jack .....	12/16/1979
Suddreth, Grady W. ....	08/29/1909	Temple, Sally Ruth .....	06/07/1981
Suddreth, James William .....	11/13/1887	Temple, III, Jack .....	06/03/1984
Suddreth, Laura (Mrs. R. L.) .....	09/24/1950	Templeman, Helen .....	05/05/1946
Suddreth, Lottie .....	06/15/1919	Terry, Tracey Lynn (Mrs. D. R., Jr.) .....	08/27/1995
Suddreth, Max .....	06/15/1919	Terry, Jr., Douglas Roger .....	08/27/1995
Suddreth, Mildred .....	05/03/1925	Thayer, Grace M. ....	05/27/1934
Suddreth, Mrs. R. L. ....	09/24/1947	Thomas, James Albert .....	12/15/1935
Suddreth, Orilla .....	05/15/1904	Thomas, Mabel B. ....	09/26/1965
Suddreth, Peggy Wall (Mrs. F. Willis) .....	03/19/1946	Thomas, Martha Martin .....	01/26/1935
Suddreth, Peggy Wall .....	05/19/1946	Thompson, Allen McCall .....	05/30/1993
Suddreth, Ralph .....	01/06/1900	Thompson, Betty Dula (Mrs. Chas. R.) .....	09/14/1947
Suddreth, Ray .....	06/15/1919	Thompson, Betty Jo Dula .....	09/14/1947
Suddreth, Robert Lee .....	04/29/1952	Thompson, Charles .....	05/04/1997
Suddreth, Ruth Hollar (Mrs. B. D.) .....	02/24/1844	Thompson, Charles Robert .....	04/03/1932
Suddreth, Sarah Jane .....	04/18/1954	Thompson, Connie (Mrs. Milton A.) .....	03/04/1962
Suddreth, W. Clyde .....	01/24/1909	Thompson, David Allan .....	04/18/1965
Suddreth, II, Willis Clyde .....	12/22/1957	Thompson, Elizabeth .....	06/15/1919
Sullivan, A. Dent .....	10/05/1986	Thompson, Eugene .....	06/15/1919
Sullivan, Elizabeth Louise .....	10/05/1986	Thompson, Freda Miller .....	12/13/1953
Sullivan, John Hubbard .....	05/19/1991	Thompson, Frederick A. ....	04/05/1914
Sullivan, Louise (Mrs. A. Dent) .....	10/05/1986	Thompson, James Roy .....	02/20/1992
Sullivan, Rex .....	12/24/1944	Thompson, James H. ....	05/05/1900
Sullivan, William Dent .....	10/05/1986	Thompson, Judith Starnes (Mrs. J. R.) .....	02/20/1992
Summerford, Mrs. W. J. ....	03/09/1947	Thompson, Lucinda Griffin .....	04/05/1914
Summerford, Nancy Ruth .....	04/15/1960	Thompson, Mary Lynn .....	03/22/1964
Summerford, W. J. ....	03/09/1947	Thompson, Mary W. ....	04/15/1917
Summerford, William James .....	04/29/1956	Thompson, Michael Lander .....	03/22/1964
Summerlin, Jean .....	11/08/1970	Thompson, Milton A. ....	03/04/1962
Sumpter, Callie .....	10/07/1923	Thompson, Nancy Ellen .....	04/17/1927
Sumpter, Robert M. ....	11/29/1925	Thompson, Raymond Lander .....	05/09/1948
Sutherland, Hugh .....	04/13/1881	Thompson, Rebecca Annalyne .....	05/09/1999
Sutton, Mrs. R. C. ....	06/03/1951	Thompson, Sara Anne .....	07/02/1967
Sutton, R. C. ....	06/03/1951	Thompson, Robert .....	Unknown
Swaim, Angela Marie .....	01/26/1997	Thompson, Jane S. ....	Unknown
Swaim, Clare Sganga .....	09/29/1996	Thompson, Jr., Charles Robert .....	04/05/1970
Swaim, Stephen Carl "Steve" .....	09/29/1996	Thompson, Jr., Frederick A. ....	04/03/1932
Swift, Effa R. ....	11/21/1926	Thompson, Sr., Frederick A. .	04/05/1914
Tamminga, Hazel (Mrs. Wm.) .....	09/18/1888	Thuss, Hannah Blalock (Mrs. J. W., Jr.) .....	01/24/1971
Tamminga, William .....	09/18/1888	Thuss, Jr., John Woodard .....	01/24/1971
Tashiro, Aija .....	09/17/1944	Timmons, Jessie Teresa .....	04/27/1930
Tashiro, Aiji .....	09/07/1944	Timmons, L. W. ....	12/15/1929
Tashiro, Florence B. (Mrs. Aija) .....	04/00/1946	Timmons, Mrs. L. W. ....	12/15/1929
Tashiro, Florence O. ....	09/17/1944	Todd, P. H. ....	10/27/1929
Taylor, Beckey .....	09/09/1922	Tolbert, Byron .....	02/09/1986
Taylor, Jack .....	05/13/2001	Tolbert, Mary Blevins (Mrs. Doug) .....	12/19/1958
Taylor, Larry .....	09/27/1981	Tolbert, Sharon (Mrs. Byron) .....	02/09/1986
Taylor, Lulu .....	12/06/1953	Torrence, Maude .....	05/28/1899
Taylor, Mackenzie Lee .....	05/04/1997	Townsend, Jack Lee .....	05/21/1995
Taylor, Penny (Mrs. Larry) .....	09/27/1981	Townsend, Jr., Newman Alexander .....	05/15/1938

NAME	MEMBERSHIP DATE
Treece, Alan .....	03/18/1973
Treece, Steve .....	12/14/1969
Triplett, Alice Boyd .....	10/03/1920
Triplett, Barbara Ann .....	12/16/1951
Triplett, Claude S. ....	10/03/1920
Triplett, Elizabeth Copenhaver .....	08/01/1954
Triplett, Elizabeth Weed .....	04/01/1951
Triplett, Elizabeth C. (Mrs. R. B., Jr) .....	08/01/1954
Triplett, Elizabeth .....	06/15/1919
Triplett, Eugene .....	06/15/1919
Triplett, Lilian Weed .....	02/19/1932
Triplett, Lilian Weed .....	04/02/1944
Triplett, Liliyan Weed (Mrs. Roger B.) .....	02/20/1932
Triplett, Roger Burns .....	10/03/1920
Triplett, Roger B. ....	10/03/1920
Triplett, Susie B. ....	10/03/1920
Triplett, Cora P. ....	10/15/1893
Triplett, Mary E. ....	03/15/1905
Triplett, Alvin C. ....	01/31/1909
Triplett, III, Roger Burns .....	03/29/1970
Triplett, Jr., Roger Burns .....	04/02/1939
Triplette, Joanne .....	12/22/1957
Trivette, Alton .....	09/11/1949
Trivette, Myrtle Jane .....	04/05/1953
Trivette, Ruth Whitman .....	09/11/1949
Troutman, Charles .....	01/24/1965
Troutman, Stuart Christian .....	06/06/1982
Troutman, Timothy Charles .....	06/03/1979
Truesdell, Helen (Mrs. Robt. L.) .....	03/16/1969
Truesdell, Robert L. ....	03/16/1969
Truesdell, Robert Evans .....	03/16/1969
Tucker, Judi Young (Mrs. J. W., Jr.) .....	05/24/1992
Tucker, Jr., Julius Woodrow .....	05/24/1992
Turner, Arthur .....	08/20/1961
Turner, Carolyn (Mrs. Arthur) .....	08/20/1961
Turner, Carolyn Hoke .....	06/03/1928
Turner, Carolyn Hioke .....	06/03/1928
Turner, D. Walter .....	07/15/1917
Turner, Mary Elizabeth .....	07/28/1935
Turner, Sadie Poston (Mrs. D. W.) .....	07/15/1917
Turner, Sarah .....	10/28/1923
Turner, Winston .....	07/13/1969
Turner, Jr., D. N. ....	10/06/1957
Tuttle, III, Edward Hill .....	04/18/1954
Tuttle, Annette Gordon .....	10/08/1928
Tuttle, Bessie Holland (Mrs. E. H., Sr.) .....	01/17/1926
Tuttle, Bessie Hollar .....	01/17/1926
Tuttle, Betty Lou .....	12/16/1951
Tuttle, Callie .....	07/30/1922
Tuttle, Carrie .....	07/30/1922
Tuttle, Carroll .....	03/06/1977
Tuttle, Columbus A. ....	03/06/1910
Tuttle, Ella .....	12/01/1886
Tuttle, Graham Hodges .....	10/07/1934
Tuttle, Hume W. ....	10/20/1929
Tuttle, J. H. ....	07/10/1921
Tuttle, Joyce (Mrs. Carroll) .....	03/06/1977

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Tuttle, Lillie D. ....	01/20/1907
Tuttle, Lily .....	07/30/1922
Tuttle, Louise .....	10/28/1923
Tuttle, Lucille Miller (Mrs. Ed, Jr.) .....	12/01/1946
Tuttle, Lucille Miller .....	12/01/1946
Tuttle, Lucille D. ....	01/20/1907
Tuttle, Nancy .....	01/17/1926
Tuttle, R. C. ....	07/30/1922
Tuttle, R. D. ....	04/26/1931
Tuttle, Richard Hill .....	01/17/1926
Tuttle, Robert Holland .....	01/24/1926
Tuttle, Sallie M. ....	0910/1922
Tuttle, Sandra Eloise .....	04/01/1951
Tuttle, Virginia Elizabeth .....	04/05/1931
Tuttle, William Lake .....	10/20/1929
Tuttle, Victoria S. ....	Unknown
Tuttle, Romulus M. ....	07/00/1861
Tuttle, Eveline .....	Unknown
Tuttle, Preston .....	03/28/1887
Tuttle, Lucius Augustus .....	03/28/1887
Tuttle, Lucius M. ....	10/27/1889
Tuttle, Ida Glen .....	10/27/1889
Tuttle, William L. ....	06/25/1893
Tuttle, Rachel Elizabeth .....	06/25/1893
Tuttle, Lily Doris .....	01/20/1907
Tuttle, William Lake .....	10/20/1929
Tuttle, III, Edward Hill .....	04/18/1954
Tuttle, Jr., Edward Hill .....	02/07/1926
Tye, Diana (Mrs. John) .....	10/23/1983
Tye, Jesslyn Blake .....	05/09/1999
Tye, John .....	10/23/1983
Tye, Meredith Whitney .....	05/09/1999
Underdown, Carol Ann .....	12/21/1958
Underdown, Charles C. ....	03/12/1905
Underdown, Dorothy Imogene .....	04/10/1938
Underdown, Eleanor Bly .....	12/21/1958
Underdown, Eleanor .....	12/21/1858
Underdown, Frances E. ....	03/19/1905
Underdown, Hazel Teague (Mrs. Parks) .....	10/08/1928
Underdown, Hazel T. ....	10/08/1928
Underdown, Ida .....	03/12/1905
Underdown, Julius Victor .....	03/12/1905
Underdown, Marjorie Stemple (Mrs. V. K.) .....	10/26/1958
Underdown, Marjorie Stimple .....	10/26/1958
Underdown, Milton A. ....	03/12/1905
Underdown, Parks Cornelius .....	03/10/1918
Underdown, V. K. ....	10/26/1958
Underdown, Victor Kenneth .....	10/26/1958
Underdown, Johnsie .....	02/03/1907
Underdown, Scotty .....	02/03/1907
Underdown, Jr., Parks Cornelius .....	04/02/1939
Underdown, Jr., Victor Kenneth .....	04/05/1953
Underwood, Mary Frances .....	05/28/1989
Upchurch, Brian Leslie .....	05/21/1989
Upchurch, Linda (Mrs. Brian Leslie) .....	05/21/1989
Urland, Laurie Stevenson .....	06/28/1998
Urland, William Douglas .....	06/28/1998



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Van Horn, Ferne (Mrs. Ray L.) .....	12/13/1981	Wall, Doris Eugenia .....	09/16/1956
Van Horn, Ray L. ....	12/13/1981	Wall, Dorothy Christine .....	04/04/1948
Vanderbloemen, Brian Davis .....	06/07/1987	Wall, Douglas .....	04/17/1954
Vanderbloemen, Bruce .....	11/12/1972	Wall, Frederick Terrial .....	04/18/1954
Vanderbloemen, Tamra Beach (Mrs. Bruce) ..	11/12/1972	Wall, Howard T. ....	12/09/1923
Vanderbloemen, Thomas Edward .....	05/07/1989	Wall, Jack Gardner .....	09/22/1974
Vanderbloemen, Jr., Bruce William .....	06/06/1982	Wall, Jane .....	12/22/1957
Vannoy, Angela Taylor (Mrs. J. M.) .....	01/17/1993	Wall, Judy Mae .....	04/17/1954
Vannoy, John Martin .....	01/17/1993	Wall, Layfaette .....	04/21/1946
Vasquez, Mary .....	03/18/2001	Wall, Lucius M. ....	03/22/1923
Vasquez, Steve .....	03/18/2001	Wall, Mrs. David Ned .....	11/11/1956
Vaughn, Mrs. Garland E. ....	01/06/1956	Wall, Nancy (Mrs. Jack G.) .....	09/22/1974
Veanable, J. S. ....	02/05/1933	Wall, Rebecca .....	11/11/1961
Veanable, Mary .....	02/05/1933	Wall, Roger .....	04/17/1954
Veit, Barrett William .....	05/04/1997	Wall, Jr., Howard Taft .....	04/18/1948
Veit, Falon Marie .....	05/21/1995	Walsh, Ann .....	12/22/1957
Veit, Rena Ann (Mrs. Wm. Dean) .....	05/21/1995	Walsh, Jane Ayers .....	04/15/1960
Waddell, Jasper .....	09/06/1908	Walsh, John Edwin .....	12/07/1947
Waggoner, Carol Sue (Mrs. Larry) .....	12/24/1978	Walsh, Martha Gaines .....	04/13/1952
Waggoner, Deanne .....	12/24/1978	Walsh, Marvin .....	02/19/1995
Waggoner, Denise .....	12/24/1978	Walsh, Mary Linda .....	04/18/1954
Waggoner, Douglas .....	12/24/1978	Walsh, Ruth Ayers (Mrs. J. E.) .....	12/28/1947
Waggoner, Larry .....	12/24/1978	Walsh, Ruth Ayers .....	12/28/1947
Wagner, Dorothy Elizabeth .....	04/27/1935	Walsh, Sally Hartley .....	02/07/1926
Wagner, Margaret Virginia .....	04/05/1931	Warlick, Andrew Miller .....	05/26/1974
Wagner, Mildred .....	08/14/1921	Warlick, Jo Anne (Mrs. A. M.) .....	05/26/1974
Wagner, Mrs. W. B. ....	10/06/1929	Warren, Barbara .....	10/11/1925
Wagner, Mrs. Warren B. ....	10/06/1929	Warren, Blance Tuttle .....	07/00/1922
Wagner, Roland Weston .....	09/18/1927	Warren, Blanche Tuttle .....	01/18/1966
Wagner, Warren .....	04/08/1923	Warren, Clarence Shaw .....	10/11/1925
Waldrop, Donald Baker .....	10/16/1977	Warren, Joseph Benjamin .....	01/01/1933
Waldrop, Judy Lowman (Mrs. D. B.) .....	10/16/1977	Warren, Kathleen .....	04/08/1951
Walker, Berley K. ....	05/13/1923	Warren, Marjorie (Mrs. C. S.) .....	10/11/1925
Walker, Clarence .....	09/18/1949	Warren, Marjorie .....	10/11/1925
Walker, Clarence .....	05/09/1954	Warren, Mrs. Barbara .....	10/11/1925
Walker, Claud Coolidge .....	08/01/1937	Watkins, Benjamin F. ....	Unknown
Walker, Cordelia .....	10/13/1929	Watson, Barbara Jane .....	04/05/1952
Walker, George William .....	10/18/1936	Watson, Dorothy Louetta .....	04/18/1954
Walker, George Clarence .....	10/17/1943	Watson, Hazel (Mrs. H. R.) .....	04/18/1954
Walker, Herman Douglas .....	04/12/1966	Watson, Hugh .....	11/03/1919
Walker, Hermon Douglas Lee .....	07/06/1947	Watson, Jimmie Rodger .....	04/29/1956
Walker, Ira .....	10/14/1923	Watson, Karetteess Terressa .....	04/18/1954
Walker, John W. ....	10/13/1929	Watson, Karetteess Terressa .....	04/18/1954
Walker, Rosa .....	10/07/1923	Watson, Minnie Farthing .....	06/03/1904
Walker, Russell .....	10/14/1923	Watson, Sarah .....	09/10/1922
Walker, Verley Kenney .....	05/12/1923	Watson, Lewis .....	05/28/1899
Walker, Jr., Thomas Roger .....	04/12/1959	Watson, Minnie .....	05/28/1899
Walker, Sr., Mrs. Thomas Roger .....	04/12/1959	Watts, Myrtie Lou .....	07/31/1910
Walker, Sr., Thomas Roger .....	04/12/1959	Watts, Ruth .....	06/15/1919
Wall, Barbara .....	04/17/1955	Weber, Mignonne .....	09/23/1962
Wall, Belle Williams .....	12/31/1944	Weber, Mrs. Shelby D. ....	09/23/1962
Wall, Carrie Colene .....	04/04/1948	Weber, Shelby D. ....	09/23/1962
Wall, Colene .....	12/14/1913	Weddington, J. G. ....	11/28/1894
Wall, David N. ....	06/15/1919	Weeler, Richard William .....	06/03/1979
Wall, David W. ....	06/15/1919	Welborn, Evelyn .....	10/03/1937
Wall, Donna .....	03/22/1964	Welborn, Jack .....	10/03/1937
Wall, Doris Ruby .....	04/19/1950	Welch, Allan .....	09/18/1955



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Welch, Grover .....	03/19/1905
Welch, Helen (Mrs. Wm. T.) .....	03/18/1950
Welch, Helen Camille .....	04/18/1954
Welch, John C., .....	09/16/1923
Welch, Linda Louise .....	04/29/1956
Welch, Marie Katherine .....	09/16/1923
Welch, Martha Allan .....	04/07/1963
Welch, Mrs. Allan .....	09/18/1955
Welch, Mrs. R. Allan .....	09/18/1955
Welch, Nancy .....	12/22/1957
Welch, R. Allan .....	09/18/1955
Welch, William T. ....	03/18/1951
Welch, Jr., William Taggart .....	12/21/1958
Welsh, Mrs. W. T. ....	03/18/1951
Welsh, W. T. ....	03/18/1951
West, Jan (Mrs. Wm.) .....	02/08/1987
West, William .....	02/08/1987
Wheeler, Richard William .....	04/18/1999
Wheeler, Rosemarie "Romi" .....	04/18/1999
Wheeler, J. B. ....	02/05/1885
Wheeler, Emily B. ....	02/05/1885
Wheeler, Gertrude .....	04/05/1885
Wheeler, Julia .....	08/28/1887
Whiddon, Christopher Lydell "Chris" .....	05/04/1997
Whiddon, Kathleen Esther (Mrs. S. M.) .....	04/24/1994
Whiddon, Kathleen Lynnette .....	05/09/1999
Whiddon, Scott Morrison .....	04/24/1994
Whisnant, Amy Caroline .....	03/07/1982
Whisnant, Ann (Mrs. Dickson) .....	12/03/1978
Whisnant, Dickson .....	12/03/1978
White, Allison Caroline .....	06/07/1987
White, Alma Estes .....	04/24/1910
White, Carrie Pierce (Mrs. Ray M.) .....	05/06/1945
White, Carrie Pierce .....	05/06/1945
White, Cora Eleanor .....	04/02/1939
White, Corneilia N. (Mrs. F. B.) .....	04/04/1937
White, Cornelia M. ....	04/04/1937
White, Fay Floyd .....	06/26/1921
White, Frank B. ....	01/02/1923
White, Frank C. ....	05/01/1910
White, Frank B. ....	01/15/1923
White, Hugh .....	03/16/1941
White, Joyce (Mrs. Rodgers) .....	11/03/1968
White, Kristen Andrea .....	04/15/1976
White, Leslie O. ....	04/18/1999
White, Linda Ray .....	04/17/1949
White, Lucile .....	01/15/1919
White, Mark Rodgers .....	03/30/1975
White, Martha .....	06/16/1941
White, Ray McLee .....	05/06/1945
White, Ray McLea .....	05/06/1945
White, Rodgers .....	11/03/1968
White, Roy Thomas .....	03/06/1930
White, Roy Thomas .....	03/16/1930
White, Ruth Lenoir .....	10/24/1915
White, Susan N. "Sue" .....	04/18/1999
White, Susan Jane (Mrs. F. C.) .....	05/28/1911

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP DATE</b>
White, Susan Jane .....	05/28/1911
White, Susie Julie .....	05/28/1911
White, W. M. ....	04/10/1910
White, William Moore .....	04/10/1910
White, John C. ....	04/02/1905
Whitehouse, Frederick E. ....	10/16/1955
Whitehouse, James M. ....	10/16/1955
Whitehouse, James .....	10/16/1955
Whitehouse, Mrs. James .....	10/16/1955
Whitener, Ravelle (Mrs. Robt. L., III) .....	05/16/1993
Whitener, III, Robert Laben .....	05/16/1993
Whiteside, Clifford M. ....	03/12/1967
Whiteside, Mrs. Clifford M. ....	03/12/1967
Whitfield, Jessie Proctor .....	06/12/1932
Whitfield, John A. ....	04/03/1932
Wilczewski, Mary Amanda .....	03/24/1996
Wilkie, Emma Roberta (Mrs. Herbert) .....	11/19/1933
William, Lucas B. ....	11/16/1952
Williams, Bettie Jean .....	04/10/1938
Williams, David .....	11/10/1974
Williams, David C. ....	12/15/1963
Williams, Gail .....	03/22/1964
Williams, Lynn .....	03/22/1964
Williams, Mildred (Mrs. David C.) .....	12/15/1963
Williams, Millie (Mrs. David) .....	11/10/1974
Williams, Mrs. R. M. ....	10/12/1952
Williams, R. M. ....	10/12/1952
Williams, Minnie A. ....	10/24/1886
Williamson, Andrew Rene' .....	06/07/1981
Williamson, David .....	06/03/1984
Williamson, Ellen .....	06/03/1984
Williamson, Frances .....	04/08/1951
Williamson, Gail .....	09/14/1952
Williamson, L. N. ....	09/14/1952
Williamson, Mrs. L. N. ....	09/14/1952
Williamson, Mrs. Parker T. ....	02/06/1972
Williamson, Patricia J. (Mrs. Parker T.) .....	04/14/1985
Williamson, Jr., Leon Nathaniel .....	04/18/1954
Wilson, Amy Lea .....	03/29/1970
Wilson, Brenda .....	09/15/1974
Wilson, Dean .....	10/19/1997
Wilson, Deborah Ann .....	11/05/1972
Wilson, Dell Bernhardt .....	10/21/1914
Wilson, Dell Bernhardt .....	09/11/1927
Wilson, Effie Miller .....	12/02/1934
Wilson, Effie Miller .....	05/07/1922
Wilson, Harley .....	11/07/1923
Wilson, Janet Hostetter (Mrs. T. H., Jr.) .....	11/17/1957
Wilson, Janet Hostetter .....	11/17/1957
Wilson, Kay (Mrs. Woodie) .....	12/10/1972
Wilson, Libby .....	10/19/1997
Wilson, Thomas Henry .....	09/11/1927
Wilson, Virginia .....	10/27/1935
Wilson, Virginia Lee .....	05/13/1923
Wilson, Woodie .....	12/10/1972
Wilson, Samuel Brown .....	05/09/1880
Wilson, Finley B. ....	02/13/1881

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Wilson, John D. ....	05/08/1881	Wood, Alan Dale .....	09/20/1992
Wilson, M. Bradley .....	04/29/1894	Wood, Annette Berryhill (Mrs. Robt.) .....	12/04/1983
Wilson, III, Thomas Henry .....	03/29/1970	Wood, Kelly Rothrock (Mrs. A. D.) .....	09/20/1992
Wilson, Jr., T. Henry .....	11/18/1956	Wood, Robert .....	12/04/1983
Winkler, Dorothy Caroline .....	01/28/1934	Woods, Cathleen "Cathy" .....	08/26/1984
Winkler, Dorothy Carolyn .....	01/28/1934	Woods, Todd .....	08/26/1984
Winkler, Douglas Summers .....	08/01/1937	Woodyard, Stanford .....	Unknown
Winkler, Emma Irene .....	06/03/1928	Woodyard, Nancy .....	Unknown
Winkler, Jack .....	08/01/1937	Wooley, Carol .....	11/16/1952
Winkler, Luther .....	10/06/1929	Wooley, Jr., Lloyd L. ....	11/16/1952
Winkler, Martha Ellen .....	04/04/1948	Yaryan, Geoffrey .....	09/23/1962
Winkler, Mary Elma .....	01/03/1937	Yaryan, Homer T. ....	09/23/1962
Winkler, Mary E. ....	03/06/1910	Yaryan, Homer B. ....	11/25/1951
Winkler, Mrs. Luther .....	03/28/1943	Yaryan, Peggy Sheppard (Mrs. H. T.) .....	09/23/1962
Winkler, Mrs. Toy S. ....	10/06/1929	Yaryan, Peggy S. ....	11/25/1951
Winkler, Nannie (Mrs. Ralph H.) .....	10/10/1920	Yates, Ethel Maxwell .....	06/03/1928
Winkler, Nannie .....	10/10/1920	Yates, Gertrude Harvey .....	02/07/1926
Winkler, Nell (Mrs. Luther) .....	05/28/1972	Yates, Mrs. Claude .....	02/07/1926
Winkler, Ralph L. ....	11/02/1902	Yi, Ji Suk .....	04/24/1994
Winkler, Ralph H. ....	11/02/1902	Yi, Mrs. Kyong Hi C. ....	04/24/1994
Winkler, Reba Jean .....	03/06/1941	Young, James Aubry .....	02/08/1948
Winkler, Robert Glenn .....	08/01/1937	Young, Mattie B. ....	02/08/1948
Winkler, Robert H. ....	09/25/1927	Yount, Carrie Elizabeth .....	04/01/1951
Winkler, Toy S. (Mrs. J. B.) .....	10/06/1929	Yount, Cecil Edward .....	04/05/1942
Winkler, Toy .....	10/06/1929	Yount, Charlotte Shell .....	04/08/1923
Winkler, Virginia Dare .....	01/23/1927	Yount, Judi .....	02/26/1984
Winkler, George .....	11/02/1902	Yount, Mrs. Stuart Lindsay .....	09/28/1958
Winkler, Mary L. ....	09/17/1905	Yount, Patricia .....	04/21/1946
Winkler, Rosa B. ....	10/29/1905	Yount, Stuart Lindsay .....	04/05/1942
Winkler, Cora Etta .....	01/27/1907	Zbinden, Jr., Mrs. Louis Henderson .....	10/29/1967
Winn, Susan A. ....	Unknown	Zedaker, Mrs. R. A. ....	09/21/1958
Withers, Bruce .....	09/19/1999	Zedaker, R. A. ....	09/21/1958
Withers, Janet .....	09/19/1999	Zimmerman, Guy .....	03/12/1905





## ENDNOTES

### Chapter 1

- <sup>1</sup> From *The History of The First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir*, by Nancy T. Alexander, 1976
- <sup>2</sup> From *Historical Sketch of First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir*, on 75th Anniversary, Dr. D. P. McGeachy, 1927
- <sup>3</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>4</sup> Hugh C. Hamilton was later elected elder, in 1880, and died in 1899. Matthias Bernhardt died in 1877.
- <sup>5</sup> “Experimental religion” is a term of which the meaning has changed drastically in the last hundred years. We would say “experiential religion,” meaning a spirituality felt from the heart.
- <sup>6</sup> In addition to Finley High School, for young men, and Kirkwood School, for young ladies, Lenoir had Davenport College, a female college founded in the 1850’s. It was affiliated with the Methodist Church, but had considerable support from James Harper and other community leaders.
- <sup>7</sup> W.W. Scott, *The Annals of Caldwell County*, (1930), p. 65.
- <sup>8</sup> Mission points opened by the church were: Beattie Memorial, Oakwood, Fairview, Warrior, Whitnel and Setzer’s Gap (Beattie Memorial and Whitnel later combined to form United Presbyterian Church), all of which later became established churches; and Mortimer, Patterson and Hartley’s School House, these serving to meet temporary needs.

### Chapter 2

- <sup>1</sup> The “little organ” was a pump organ, which was used until 1910 when the first pipe organ was installed. The pump organ was then relegated to various Sunday school rooms. George L. Bernhardt, Sr. remembers “fooling around with it” as a teen-ager, when it stood in a corner of the large Sunday school auditorium. “It could be heard from a distance of about five yards,” he says.
- <sup>2</sup> The hymn tune Windham is an 18th century English tune not often seen in 20th century hymnals. It was found, however, in Eric Routley’s

hymnbook, *Rejoice In the Lord*, with a different text, from Psalm 64. The words quoted here were found in *The New Psalms and Hymns*, published by authority of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1901—one of those old hymnbooks which have words only, no music. I was surprised to see that the verses, though unfamiliar to churchgoers of this day and time, were written by one of our famous hymn writers, Isaac Watts, in 1707. The fifth and final verse reads, “Jesus, Thy feast we celebrate, We show Thy death, we sing Thy Name, Till Thou return, and we shall eat *The marriage supper of the Lamb*.”

- <sup>3</sup> The father, Columbus Malcolm Weathers, reared as a Baptist, (thus escaping infant baptism) had married Mary Jones Beall, daughter of Dr. Robert L. Beall and Mary Elizabeth Harper Beall. The child, Helen Lamar Weathers, was three months old at the time of the double baptism.
- <sup>4</sup> Contributed by Dr. T. Hartley Hall, IV, a later pastor of the church, who probably heard it from a Harper descendant, either John Christian Bernhardt or Miss Margaret Harper.
- <sup>5</sup> From the *Lenoir Topic*, December 2, 1891.
- <sup>6</sup> What baptism could have been more appropriate? This child, always called “Dell” (later Mrs. Henry Wilson), was the granddaughter of Matthias and Barbara Bernhardt and G.W.F. and Ella Rankin Harper, and the great-granddaughter of James and Caroline Finley Harper and of the Rev. Jesse and Ann Delight Rankin.

### Chapter 3

- <sup>1</sup> Ellen Harper Bernhardt also served sometimes as ghost writer for the clerk of session, writing the minutes in her impeccable handwriting. Her son, John Christian Bernhardt, says that for many years the session books were kept under her bed.
- <sup>2</sup> In the early days in the development of the pipe organ, the men who performed this task were called “organ blowers”.
- <sup>3</sup> John C. Bernhardt recalls Charles Tappey Squires as a jovial man who played semi-pro baseball when not too busy with his duties as pastor.

### Chapter 4

- <sup>1</sup> From *The History of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir* by Nancy T. Alexander.
- <sup>2</sup> Laura Powell Jennings, first wife of deacon Stanley S. Jennings.

### Chapter 5

- <sup>1</sup> At some later time (probably during the 1938 renovations) the red brick

- was painted white. The “battlements” were removed from the bell tower in the 1950’s, when they were found to be in a crumbling state.
- <sup>2</sup> This kind of floor, called a “theater floor”, was prevalent in churches built in this era.
  - <sup>3</sup> The writer of this history recalls being deeply impressed as a child by this decor, confusing the church sanctuary with pictures in her Bible story book of Solomon’s temple.
  - <sup>4</sup> The architect for this renovation was Roger C. McCarl, husband of the Helen Lamar Weathers who was baptized in 1900 along with her father. He donated the design for the lovely carved reredos in the chancel in memory of his father-in-law, Columbus Malcolm Weathers.
  - <sup>5</sup> William Speight McLean, the third son of A. A. McLean, followed in his father’s footsteps into the Presbyterian ministry. He and his sister, Edith Barden, both died in 2001.
  - <sup>6</sup> This would be the blue *Presbyterian Hymnal* published by the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1937.
  - <sup>7</sup> Wonder how long the young people of today would hold still for this?
  - <sup>8</sup> This letter was actually written by Robey C. Robbins, a gentle and scholarly elder who was undoubtedly chosen for this task on account of his writing skills, pastoral disposition and devout Christian faith.
  - <sup>9</sup> The title is now Director of Christian Education.
  - <sup>10</sup> Now called the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

## Chapter 6

- <sup>1</sup> This must have been the forerunner of the National Council of Churches.
- <sup>2</sup> It must be remembered that this was the beginning of the Cold War and the McCarthy era, during which any holder of liberal opinions could be suspect.
- <sup>3</sup> James M. McCarl, a second lieutenant in the United States Army, had to break the news to his aunts, Bessie Beall Reid and Roberta Beall Gwyn, that he had been ordered to the front in Korea. The reaction of these saintly ladies was, “Oh, good! You can visit our missionaries!” Of course, this didn’t happen.

## Chapter 7

- <sup>1</sup> Here again, the writer must inject herself into this story. Jim McCarl, my future husband, and I had our first date the night of this organ recital. We arrived late and had to sit on the front row, thus enjoying an excellent view of William Self’s footwork on the pedal board.



- <sup>2</sup> Beatrice Kiser was a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. During her stay in Lenoir, she did much to revitalize the Christian Education program of the church. About the time of Dr. McLean's retirement she moved to Charlotte and later married Roy W. Coker. She died in 1999.

## Chapter 8

- <sup>1</sup> By this time, the staff included a secretary as well as a D.C.E. Archie considered the church secretary a "chief of staff" of sorts, a coordinator of church activities. He gratefully recalls three who served during his tenure: Mrs. S. S. (Lillie) Jennings, Mrs. Oren (Louise) Finlayson, and Mrs. George (Rose) Reighard. A church hostess, Mrs. Fred (Louise) Marley was also added at this time.

## Chapter 9

- <sup>1</sup> Ralph Winkler, the "oldest male member of the congregation in point of membership" was presented with a certificate in recognition of his spiritual life and his service to the church. The presentation took place on September 21, 1964; he died less than a month later, on October 13.
- <sup>2</sup> The record does indeed state that the church was dissolved at its own request. But apparently there was some difference of opinion among the members. When the commission appointed by the presbytery to preside over the dissolution arrived to conduct a final service at the church, they were greeted by some of the men of the church armed with shot-guns.
- <sup>3</sup> Neill McGeachy, *Confronted By Challenge: A History of the Presbytery of Concord, 1795-1973*, pp. 635-636.
- <sup>4</sup> The new building occupied the site of the Sisk house, which had been torn down.

## Chapter 11

- <sup>1</sup> Agnes Scroggs began work at the church in 1962 after the arrival of Hartley Hall. She served under four pastors, finally retiring in 1995. A calming and comforting presence in the church office, she was a friend to all. When Hartley Hall visited the church just after the arrival of a later pastor and did not find that pastor in the office, he left a message: "Just do what Agnes tells you, and you'll be fine."
- <sup>2</sup> William Self returned one more time, in 1980, to give a recital.
- <sup>3</sup> This dissenting vote was given by Bob Styres, who was not the type to be deterred by someone saying "It's not done!"

## Chapter 12

- <sup>1</sup> A later lay renewal weekend, about 1974, was not so successful, mainly because of the inferior quality of the leadership.

## Chapter 13

- <sup>1</sup> Barbara Baker (later Barbara Freiman) gained considerable expertise in grant-writing and fund-raising. She was instrumental in the success of later church projects such as Koinonia and several capital building campaigns.
- <sup>2</sup> On one occasion, we did entertain the Presbytery, and served lunch in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church across the street.
- <sup>3</sup> Not everything was sold at the yard sale. A number of articles were moved to the church and stored there. Years later, a young person returning from a tour of the basement storage area asked with a bemused expression what a large claw-footed bathtub was doing at the church.

## Chapter 14

- <sup>1</sup> James Bernhardt, after graduation from Union, served two churches, one in Minnesota and one in Illinois, before coming closer home. He is now pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory, N.C. He met his wife, Anita Gruenwald, while they were both students at Union. She is currently serving as pastor of a United Church of Christ church in Hickory.
- <sup>2</sup> At the session meeting when plans were being made for the ceremony, it was suggested that some might ascend on the elevator from the first to the second floor, alight and sing a hymn. One of the elders asked, "What hymn should we sing—'Love Lifted Me'?" This suggestion was not taken.
- <sup>3</sup> The Rutter Requiem was presented a second time in 1993. Other performances by the choir were the Faure *Requiem* in 1992, the Vivaldi *Gloria* in 2001, and selections from the Messiah during the Sundays of Advent in 1998.

## Chapter 16

- <sup>1</sup> A fourth child, Mary Emeline Dawson, was born December 21, 1992, at the Dawson home in Lenoir.
- <sup>2</sup> William Vanderbloemen, after graduation from Princeton Seminary, served churches in North Carolina and Alabama and is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas.
- <sup>3</sup> The Rex House Ministry was begun in July, 1993, by Living Word Assembly as a mission to the homeless men of Lenoir. The ministry was named for Rex Williams, who died of exposure during extremely cold weather during the winter of 1993.

- <sup>4</sup> The School For Young Children had begun in the late 1970's as the Sunshine Play School. It was taken over (now called SYC) and operated privately by Jennie Deal in 1980. In September 1982 the church assumed ownership of the school, which is now incorporated with its own board of directors.

## Chapter 17

- <sup>1</sup> The second book was *Writing On the Heart*.

## Chapter 18

- <sup>1</sup> The reception actually had to be postponed a week because of inclement weather.













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